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Market Crash In Shanghai

Shanghai, December 30.
In a complete reversal of the recent trend, quotations on Shanghai's open foreign currencies, gold and commodities markets crashed today as the result of persistent peace rumours and growing lightness of cash.
With definite news lacking from Nanking on the rumoured possibility of early peace, black market operators today operated cautiously, refusing to make any extensive commitments, either in long or short positions.
American dollar notes, traded at their peak yesterday for 6Y100 or more, were quoted today at 6Y120, and gold bars, which soared to around 6Y8,200 per ounce the previous day, went down to 6Y6,000, while all commodities, including rice, declined heavily. Reuter.

Colonial Governors To Meet

Singapore, December 30.
The British Governors in South East Asia are to hold a second meeting next month.
This was announced today by the Commissioner-General of the Straits Settlements and F.M.S., Sir Robert B. Clouston, who will discuss common political, economic and defence problems.
Earlier reports had said the conference would meet at Jesselton, British North Borneo. But today's announcement revealed it will be held in Singapore in the second half of January.
Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Commissioner-General for South East Asia, presided over a similar conference at Johore Bahru, Malaya, in mid-November.
That meeting was attended by the Governors of Hong Kong, Ceylon, Sarawak and Singapore, and diplomatic representatives from Rangoon, Saigon and Batavia.
The coming conference will be attended only by Governors in South East Asia and not by colonial representatives. Reuter.

U.S. RICE FOR THE ORIENT

Washington, December 30.
The U.S. Agriculture Department yesterday allocated 4,925,000 bags of milled rice weighing 100 pounds each for export during the first half of 1949.
This brought total export quotas for the rice marketing year ending next June 30 to 9,216,000 bags.
The January to June allocations included:
China, 692,100 bags; Indonesia, 440,900; the Philippines, 220,500. Associated Press.

Yen Hsi-shan Has Plan For Crisis

Nanking, December 30.
A national conference to decide what should best be done for the future of China was suggested today by General Yen Hsi-shan, Governor of Shansi.

General Yen says that he has long cherished this proposal, but claims that he has not made it to the President. He declines to discuss rumours about the Generalissimo's stepping down, and announces that the Central Government has promised to supply food by air to his beleaguered Taiyuan garrison.

General Yen, who is known to have a new social and political programme for China, based on points from the British Labour Party's social platform, said:

He describes the Nationalist struggle against the Communists as a war for ideals that are anti-aggressive and international.

"We should have sympathy and help of our friends and Allied countries," he adds.

Asked what he thought would happen if the Nationalists got no help, General Yen said that "different tactics" would then have to be adopted.

He told correspondents that he came to Nanking to solve the food problem for his army. He will take care of the civil food shortage by using civil air lines. About 100 tons are daily required.

General Yen claims that the Communists have 100,000 troops around Taiyuan city. Their losses in six months' fighting have been 200,000. The Nationalists lost 60,000. In the last three months of the siege the Communist losses have been heavier than the Nationalist casualties. Reuter-AAP.

Generalissimo Yielding To Increasing Pressure JOINT COMMISSION PLAN

Nanking, December 30.

Ruling authority in Nationalist China will probably be vested in a Joint Commission representing all major elements within the Kuomintang in the event of President Chiang Kai-shek resigning in favour of peace talks with the Communists.

Reliable sources said today that the Generalissimo is yielding to increasing pressure and considering abdication to pave the way for negotiations with the Communists, and is being held in his decision by the Kuomintang Rightist CC Clique.

The CC Clique, though itself amenable to peace talks with the Communists, is said to be unwilling to allow the Vice-President, Li Tsung-jen, to succeed the Generalissimo in assuming sole responsibility of Government, in which they would have little share of power.

These sources said that a likely compromise is being suggested in the form of a Joint Commission, which will include all important groups within the Kuomintang and will be inaugurated with the resignation of the President to attempt opening peace negotiations with the Communists.

Such a course of events is believed in informed quarters as the strongest possibility at present in China's confusing political picture, which has caused widespread speculation as to the possible outcome.

It is believed still possible that the United States and the Soviet Union, at present apparently watching disinterestedly, may eventually be prevailed to step in as mediators in the Chinese civil war when the stage has been all set for peace negotiations after the formation of a caretaker administration, assuming that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek will resign.

President Chiang's resignation, which must remain a closely guarded secret until publicly announced, nevertheless, is now regarded as a practical possibility.

Pressure From America

Apart from the growing demand for peace at home, he is also reported to be subjected to increasing pressure from Washington, where the official attitude, characterised by stony silence, is interpreted here as a do nothing policy so long as the President stays in power.

The arrival here of top-ranking regional commanders and provincial governors on the Generalissimo's summons, including men like General Yen Hsi-shan, Dr. T.V. Soong, General Lu Han, General Pai Chung-hsi, General Fu Chung-nan and possibly General Fu Tso-yi, is believed to be

In connection with the President's possible retirement and his desire to keep them in an unified bloc instead of allowing them to fall back into regional autonomy and warlordism.

Shanghai today expectantly awaited Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's New Year message, which, informed quarters hint, may reveal his momentous decision on peace or war.

Most observers here, however, believe that the President will only begin drafting his message after he has completed his conferences with the top-ranking political and military leaders, who are converging on the capital from all corners of Nationalist China.

Dr. Sun Fo's Decision

These observers also link Madame Chiang Kai-shek's call on the U.S. Acting Secretary of State, Mr. Robert Lovett, in Washington with her husband's deliberations in Nanking. It is thought here that Madame Chiang wants to make a last effort to find out the United States Government's stand in China's civil war.

American policy has always been a major contributing factor in the Generalissimo's policy decisions.

Meanwhile, Chinese reports here this morning said that Dr. Sun Fo's Cabinet unanimously decided last night to postpone indefinitely presentation of its policy programme to the Legislative Yuan for discussion and approval.

The Prime Minister was originally due to outline the Cabinet policy to legislators tomorrow. No reason is given for the Cabinet's action, but observers here say that it is probably prompted by the desire to await the outcome of the President's present conference with top-ranking military leaders.

The top level conferences with several newly arrived field commanders participating continued in Nanking today.

No Decision Yet

Thus far, it is reliably ascertained that no definite decision has been reached, and once again is held in doubt at the official residences of the Generalissimo and the Premier.

The Government spokesman Mr. Shen Chang-huan, says the field commanders are here for consultation but will not say on what specific question they are in general knowledge it is on a new policy of peace or war. Asked whether the report that the Vice-President, General Li Tsung-jen, favours peace is true,

Mr. Shen said: "I met the Vice-President this morning. When told of this report he was very much surprised and said: 'I share the same thought entertained by President Chiang Kai-shek and his decision is mine.'"

In view of the vagueness of his reply, one correspondent asked him if it is confirmation or denial, to which Mr. Shen said: "That is what he said. I have nothing to add." Reuter and United Press.

Dutch Seize Oilfields

Batavia, December 30.

The Dutch announced today they have seized the last economically important area controlled by the Indonesian Republic, the Djambi oil fields in Southern Sumatra.

"On the whole the installations were undamaged," the communiqué said, referring obligingly to Republican scorched earth tactics. "Efforts to set fire to them resulted in a few unimportant fires only. Resistance was negligible."

The seizure yesterday marked part of the Dutch Army's race to complete its campaign before the imposition of cease-fire orders.

The communiqué also reported the capture of Chief of Staff Dananjaja of the Republican Division. It said Dananjaja was responsible for the infiltration of Republican guerrillas into Dutch areas of West Java. The Dutch have occupied all major Republican cities in Java and have linked up many of them. The capture of Djambi opens the way for a similar link-up between Dutch forces in Northern and Southern Sumatra. Associated Press.

ANN SHERIDAN GRAVELLY ILL

London, December 30.
The film actress, Ann Sheridan, is so seriously ill with pleurisy, in her Savoy Hotel suite that she cannot be removed to hospital.

Mrs. Sheridan collapsed on the set during the filming of "I Was a Male War Bride" ten days ago. X-rays show she is suffering from pleurisy with complications in one lung. United Press.

A Good Briton Or Yankee Would Do

Shanghai, December 30.
"A good English or Yankee lieutenant" is all China's navy needs to stiffen its defence of the Yangtze against a possible Red assault on Nanking.

One who should know—a former Rear-Admiral of the Chinese Navy—says effective leadership is lacking in the service. He says Admiral Kwei Chung-shi, Commander-in-Chief, is an Army general.

"This is the one country in the world where a general can get appointed head of the Navy," he said. He complained that all experienced "floating officers" had been sent off to teach navigation at the academy and that Army chums fill the high places in the Navy. That's why, he resigned, he said.

The former Rear-Admiral, who told the Associated Press he is a loyal servant of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, asked for anonymity.

Prince Charles



This photo, made by Cecil Beaton, shows H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth with her one-month-old son, Prince Charles Philip Arthur George, at Buckingham Palace.

Mr. Moss Replies To Criticisms

Mr. A. J. R. Moss, Director of Civil Aviation, at a Press conference yesterday replied to criticisms regarding the Basalt Island crash, and explained the reason for the attitude he adopted towards representatives of the Press on the island.

Newspapermen attending the conference claimed there were inaccuracies in the statement by Mr. Moss, and referred to previous experiences when they were frustrated by the Director in their attempts to cover an air crash.

Yesterday's statement by Mr. Moss follows:

On the 21st of this month, soon after 2 p.m., a C.N.A.C. Skymaster was reported overdue. Alerting action was accordingly taken before 3 p.m. on the same day. Shortly after 3 p.m. a member of the English language Press, contrary to regulations, entered the Area Control room at Kai Tak and had to be requested to leave.

Later in the day, the aircraft was located, assistance from the Police was requested and in the evening, after consultation with me, Mr. E.M. Allison, the Operations Manager of the C.N.A.C., issued a statement.

This statement was carefully prepared to avoid unnecessary distress to relatives and to give at the same time an accurate picture of the accident so far as it was then known. Unfortunately, when published in one of the English language papers next morning this statement was accompanied by a further statement attributed to Mr. Allison to the effect that the Control Tower at Kai Tak had given the plane the "green light" to come in.

Mr. Allison had in fact made no such statement. Its publication may have given rise to a suspicion that the Kai Tak authorities had been guilty at the least of an error of judgment. The facts of the matter are that in view of the weather conditions prevailing at Kai Tak had been closed to all traffic from 9 a.m. that day and the aircraft in question had been instructed to divert to Canton.

To Safeguard The Wreck

The necessary preparations to safeguard the wreck were made by the Police, the Medical Department and myself. It was decided that the medical and Police parties should proceed to the scene as soon as possible on December 21 and that I would follow them at 7 a.m. on the morning of the following day. I had many telephone calls on the subject of the air crash throughout the evening of the 21st but I am aware of no attempt by any journalist or reporter to make contact with me by telephone or otherwise during that night regarding either the details of the accident or of the possibility of press representatives accompanying the official parties to the scene of the disaster.

On the morning of the 22nd two foreign newspapermen approached police officers about to leave for the scene of the accident and asked to be taken to Basalt Island. They were allowed to board the police launch on condition that they reported immediately on arrival to the senior police officer on Basalt Island.

They proceeded to do but met me before they had made contact with him. In my capacity as Inspector of Accidents I have the duty and responsibility of ensuring that the accident area remains closed except to authorized officials until preliminary investigations have been completed.

This conforms of course with the accepted procedure in investigating and reporting air disasters in the United Kingdom where no unauthorized person is permitted to go within close proximity of the scene of the accident.

The reasons for this restriction are obvious since it is possible that vital pieces of evidence may be taken away or destroyed. In the case in point it was known additionally that the plane had carried a quantity of valuable jewellery.

Authority Questioned

I questioned the two newspapermen as to their authority to be on the scene of the accident but as they were already in the vicinity of the wreck there was nothing for it but to let them stay. (Continued on Page 3)

COOL HOTEL RECEPTION FOR RATES REPORT STILL TOO HIGH, RESIDENTS SAY

Hotel residents interviewed by the "China Mail" yesterday are unanimous that the rates for accommodation recommended by the Hotel Rates Advisory Committee are still too high. Hotel managements generally decline to comment. "It's all very complex, and we are now only just trying to digest the whole thing," said Mr. F. C. Barry, Managing Director of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited.

Several hotel residents who have been in the Colony since Liberation say that the rates for the four leading hotels which the Committee has recommended should be maintained, are the rates agreed on in June 1946 between the managements and Government.

These agreed rates, they add, have been violated since, and do not correspond with the rates existing on July 31 last.

Owners of Chinese hotels and boarding houses whose establishments have been recommended to be exempt from control say they are satisfied. They claim that the rates they are charging are not excessive.

Views of the travel agencies vary. Those entering mostly for Chinese patrons said it is difficult to get accommodation in any case at the big European hotels.

As for the Chinese hotels, they are lucky if they can get rooms at all. Their patrons generally do not mind the price very much so long as they can get the accommodation.

"After all, they stay for only a few days, and being travellers they are, or should be, prepared for high hotel charges and other incidentals," was the general comment.

Agency's View
A well known foreign travel agency took a different view. They said it was obviously unfair to leave the rates for transient guests uncontrolled.

"So far, most of the travellers from abroad are business men, but we must not forget that Hong Kong caters for a very lucrative tourist trade, and if transients are allowed to be exploited it will certainly have the effect of driving away this trade," said one of the agencies.

"While not denying the undoubted ability of Mr. Patterson, when the Committee state that they had to wait for his return from long leave, this, to my mind, is a lame excuse. I think that Mr. Eardley, more than anyone else in the Government service, has his finger on the hotel and boarding house situation and knows far more of the intricacies of this field than anyone else."

The Hong Kong and Kowloon Residents Association, the "China Mail" learned last night, will meet on Monday to discuss the recommendations.

Last night, Mr. Ralph Shaw, President of the Association, said that the Committee of the Association is not impressed by the Hotel Rates Advisory Committee's report.

Speaking for himself, Mr. Shaw said that the report is not in accordance with facts. "In the case of the Hong Kong, Peninsula, Repulse Bay and Gloucester Hotels, for instance," he said, "they mention the rates prevailing at July 31 as \$10 to \$24 a day for the first two hotels, \$18 to \$30 for Repulse Bay Hotel and \$16 to \$24 for Gloucester Hotel."

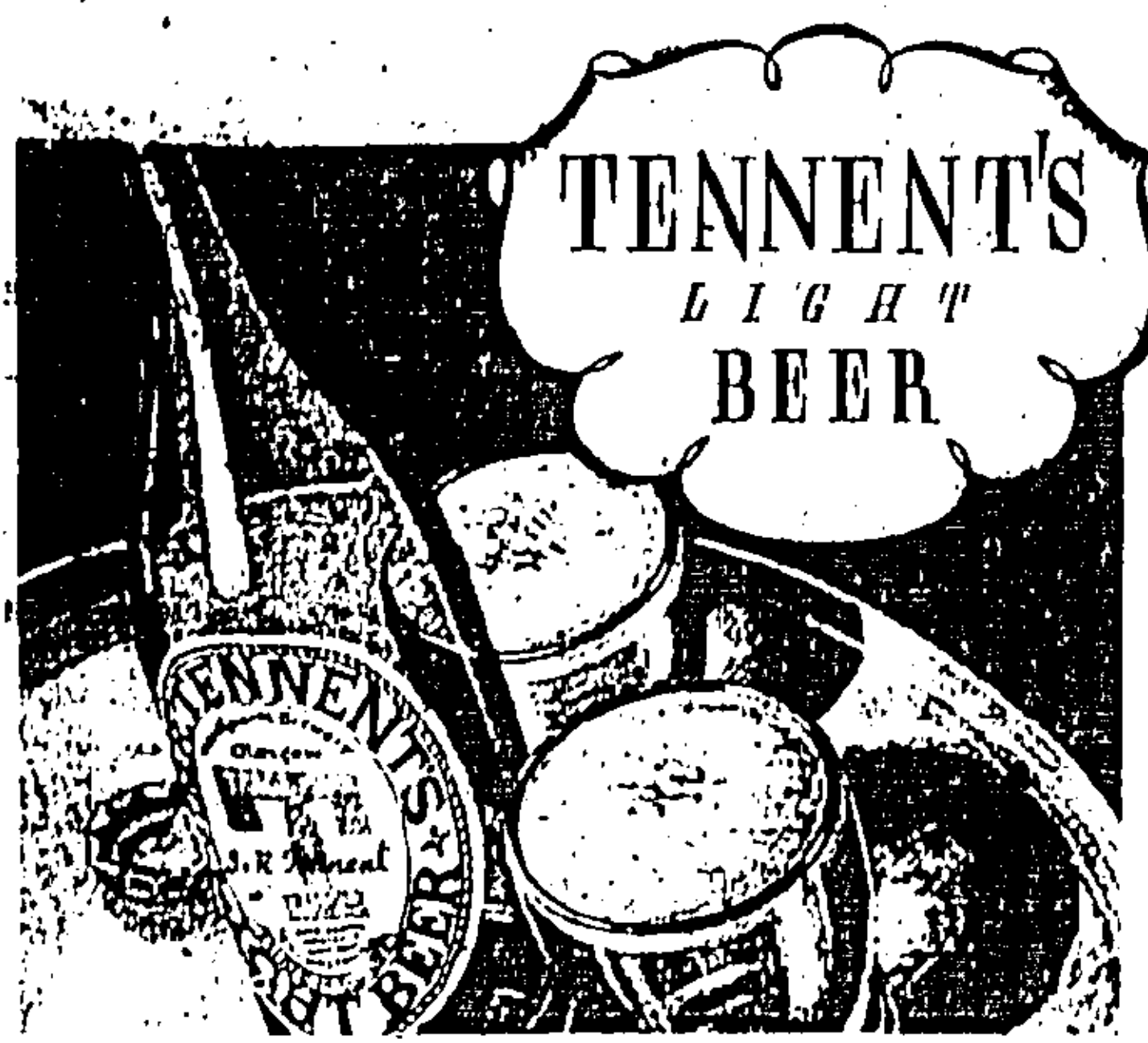
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"These rates, were in fact, \$12 to \$75 for the Peninsula, \$18 to \$30 for the Gloucester, \$16 to \$24 for the Repulse Bay, and \$10 to \$24 for the Hong Kong and Gloucester Hotels."

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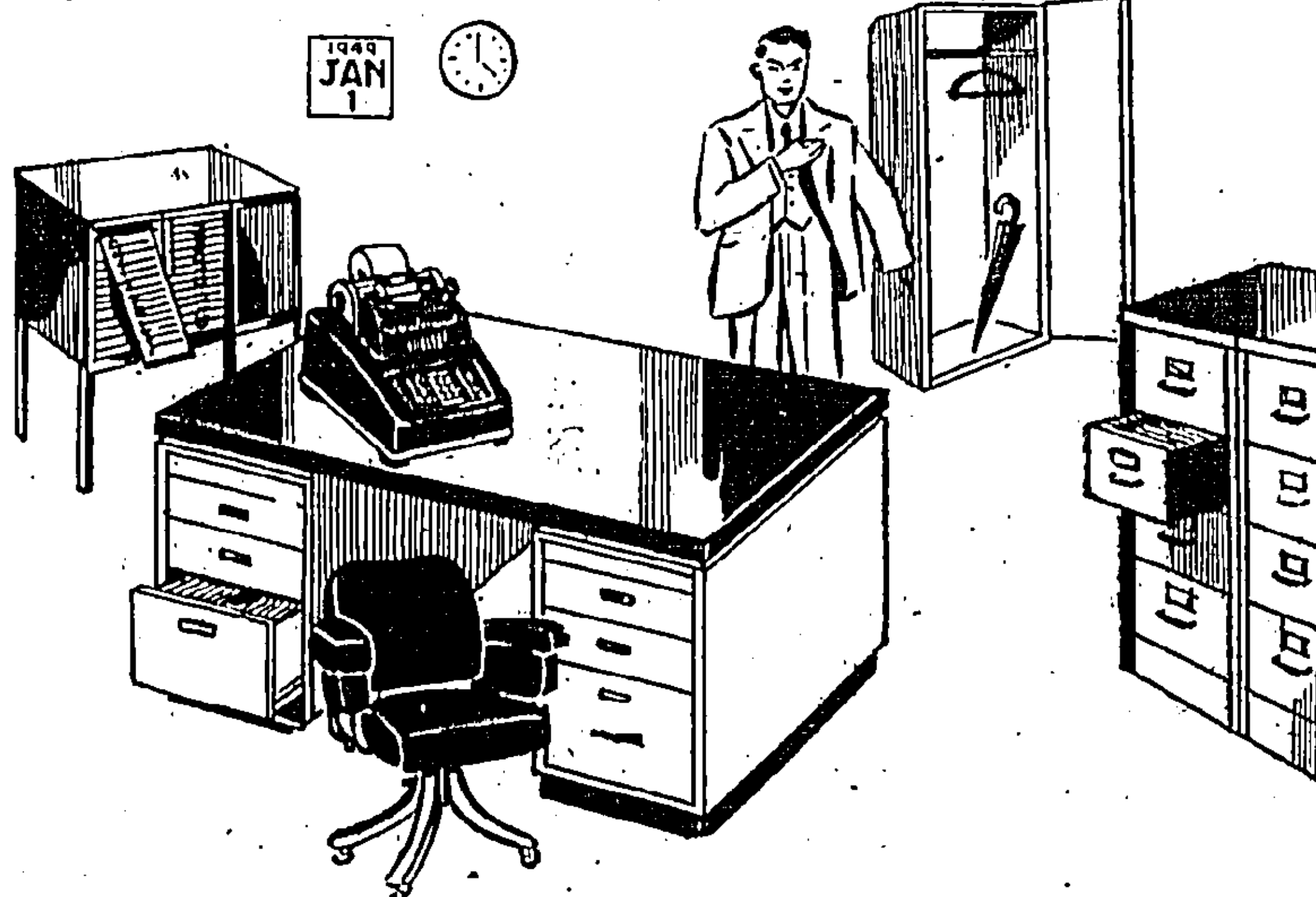
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Danger Of Lights In Tenement House

The danger of using naked lights in a Chinese tenement house, where all stairs, floors and cubicle partitions are built of wood, was emphasized by Sub-Inspector J. P. Waldron at an inquest conducted by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

The inquiry was conducted into the disastrous fire which broke out on the second floor of 221 Shanghai Street at 10 p.m. on November 8, resulting in the death of three men, four women, and a one-year-old baby girl.

After hearing evidence by Dr. R. E. Tavares, Divisional Officer V. C. Seymour, Inspector T. J. Hemsley, Wong Yuk, and two other police officers,

the Coroner returned a verdict of "Death by misadventure."

According to Mr. Seymour, if the inmates of the third floor had told him that there were still persons trapped on the floor there would have been a possibility of their being saved. "We would have taken extreme measures to try and get into the floor, even at the risk of our lives," he said.

The fire, said SI Waldron, started on the second floor through Wong Yuk, 24-year-old married woman, accidentally setting alight some petrol which she had poured into her kerosene lamp. It was the ruling on the floor that the electric lights were to be put out at 11 p.m. nightly.

Lost Her Head

The woman lost her head and, shouting out, "Fire," rushed to her bed, carried out her baby, and ran out of the house. An inmate of the premises tried to put the fire out with a cotton quilt. The quilt caught fire, as did the second one they used, adding to the flames.

An alarm was received by the Fire Brigade and two appliances were on the scene within three minutes. The firemen found the second and third floors alight, and confined their efforts to preventing the blaze from spreading to the adjoining houses.

Inspector Hemsley said he saw the upper stairs burning like matchwood and "just falling to pieces." Returning to Shanghai Street, he shouted to the occupants of the adjoining houses to evacuate. He also asked whether there were any persons on the burning floors and was told that they had all escaped.

Appeal Dismissed

A Full Court comprising Mr. Justice Reynolds (Acting Puisne Judge) and Mr. Justice Wicks (Acting Additional Judge) yesterday dismissed an appeal by Lo Gar-foo against conviction and sentence.

Lo was found guilty by a jury on a charge of aiding, abetting and assisting Lai Dip on October 22, 1947, to break and enter the garage and office premises of Messrs. Gilman & Co., Ltd., at 132 Nathan Road.

He was sentenced, by Sir Leslie Gibson (Chief Justice), to four years' hard labour.

Lo told the Full Court that he was a first offender and asked for a lighter sentence in order that he might have an opportunity to reform. He also said that members of his family would suffer if he were sent to prison for four years.

Mr. Justice Reynolds said that the Court could only interfere with a sentence when it was manifestly clear that such sentence was unfair or wrong. In the present case, the sentence was neither unfair nor wrong.

The Crown was represented by Mr. A. Houston, assisted by Detective Inspector Summers.

GARDEN ROAD OFFENCE

Summoned before Mr. T. N. Chiu at the JP court at Central yesterday for driving his car without due care and caution, G. E. Pohnen of Butterfield and Swire was fined \$20 and had his licence endorsed.

According to Inspector Goodman, defendant on October 28 drove car No. 451 down Garden Road and when nearing the bend of McDermott Road, drove past four cars going in the same direction.

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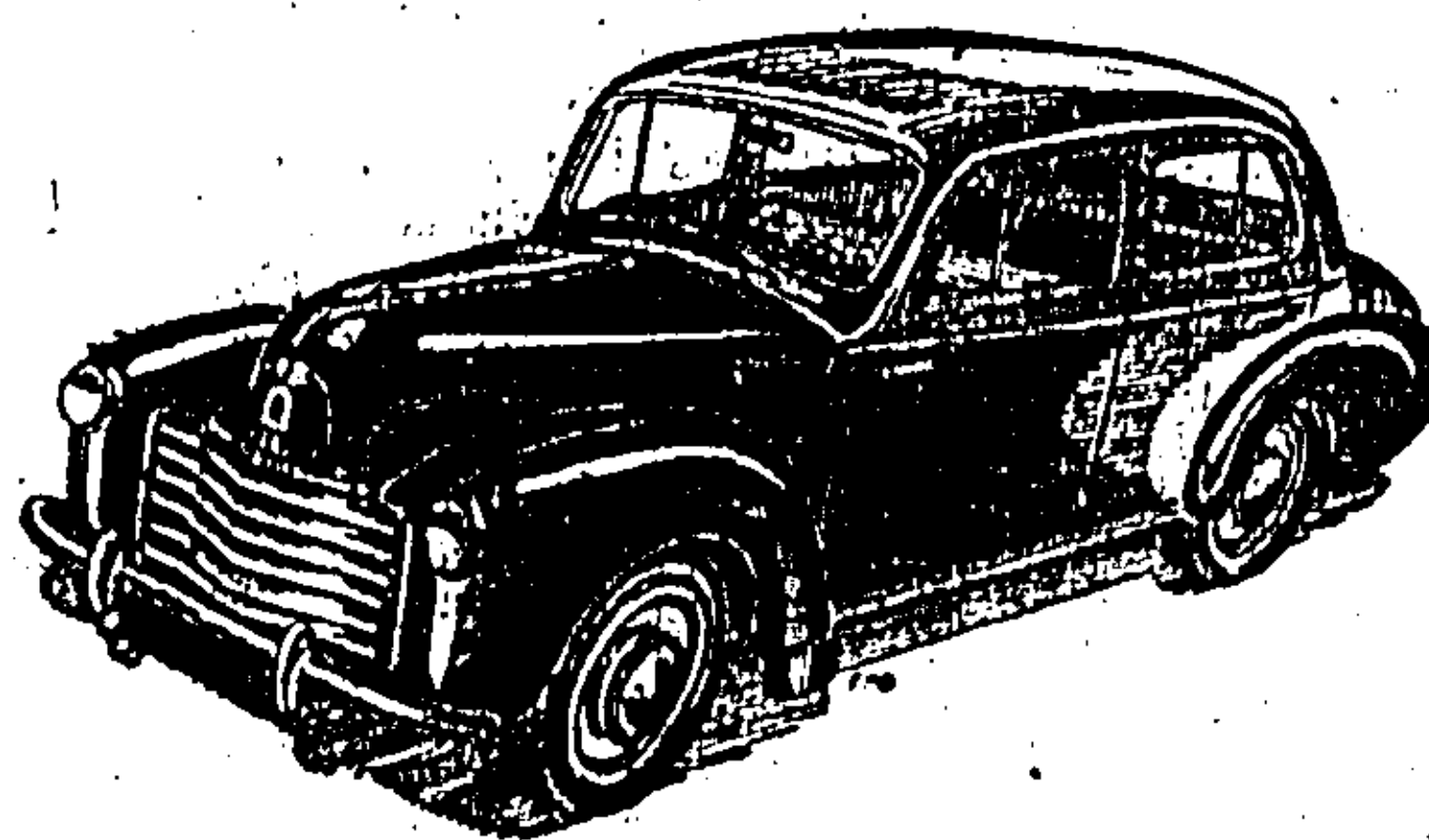
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Miss Mary Sufflad receiving the insignia of the MBE (Civil Division) from Sir Alexander Grantham yesterday.

POWDERED OPIUM SEIZED IN RAID

Powdered opium was seized in Hong Kong yesterday for the first time in the history of the Revenue Department.

The powdered opium and other raw opium was found by Revenue Inspectors in a raid on a house in Wing Lok Street.

The drug was found cunningly concealed inside one of the walls of the house. Part of the wall had been cut away and into the hollow 350 lbs of raw opium and 50 lbs of powdered opium were hidden.

The hole was camouflaged and a large wardrobe placed in front of it.

The Revenue Officers also found a revolver and six rounds of ammunition on the premises. There were also a large number of opium brass containers.

Two Chinese women and a man were arrested. Revenue Inspectors yesterday also seized 10 lbs of gold on board the ss. Hanyang. A woman was arrested.

WING ON FIRE INVESTIGATION

The report by the Commission appointed to enquire into the Wing On Godown fire, in which more than 250 lives were lost, has been sent to the Governor.

An official statement says it was sent to the Governor yesterday for consideration.

NEW P. AND O. SHIP IN H.K.

Hong Kong had her first glimpse yesterday of the second of four 9,000-ton cargo liners specially constructed for the Peninsula and Oriental Europe-Far East service.

She is the newly-completed steamer Surat, which arrived here from the United Kingdom via the Straits, bringing Mr. W. T. Stephens, Trading Manager of the P. and O. London Office, who is visiting the Far East on a business tour.

The ss. Surat, arriving here hard on the heels of her sister ship, the Sudan, the first of the four, is the third so named in the P. and O. history, the first dating from 1866.

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Mr. Yeoh Tek Ee, M.B.E. (Civil Division) awarded the M.B.E. for services rendered during military operations in the Far East.

Mr. Chan Mak Heung, V.B.E. (Civil Division), for conspicuous fine work as Divisional Officer in the Hong Kong Auxiliary Fire Service, and for courage and devotion to duty under enemy fire. (Mr. Yeung Kai Hi, M.B.E. (Civil Division) for valuable services rendered prior to the Pacific War and immediately after the re-occupation of the Colony.

Mr. Tai Kam Cheung, M.B.E. (Civil Division), for services to internees at Hong Kong during the enemy occupation.

Mr. Hui Man Kai, M.B.E. (Civil Division), for his devotion to duty as a member of the B.A.A.G. during the Japanese occupation.

Miss Mary Sufflad, M.B.E. (Civil Division), was a member of the A.N.S. at the ill-fated medical aid post at the Salween Mission, Shaukwan. She escaped to China after the surrender and eventually joined the B.A.A.G. and for her devotion to duty on active service, and for displaying most commendable bravery during the evacuation from Kweilin when her convoy was in danger of being captured by the enemy, she was awarded the M.B.E.

Mr. Francis Brett, M.B.E. (Civil Division) has supervised the licensing and general control of all launches, junks and other native craft in the waters of the Colony for 17 years, and in recognition of his services he was awarded the M.B.E.

Mr. Edward Charles Kerrison, M.B.E. (Civil Division), has given 26 years of loyal and unselfish service as a Health Inspector, and for his long service and devotion to duty he was awarded the M.B.E.

Mr. Ng Chak Wing, M.B.E. (Civil Division), holds the important post of Chief Interpreter, Supreme Court, and in recognition of his outstanding service over a long period he was awarded the M.B.E.

Captain Robert Douglas Scriven, M.C., awarded the Military Cross for gallantry and devotion to duty during the landing at Le Humeil on 6 June, 1944, when, under heavy enemy fire, he succeeded in occupying an outpost and directing the fire for his battery on the enemy positions at an early stage, thus greatly assisting the infantry to secure the first lodgement ashore.

Lieutenant Bevan Clarence Field, M.C., awarded the Military Cross for courage and outstanding devotion to duty during the attack on Wong Nei Chong Gap where he commanded a platoon. Although seriously wounded and all the crew of his pillbox wounded or killed, he continued the defence himself with hand-grenades. He also displayed utmost gallantry in carrying out small counter-attacks, in one of which he destroyed an enemy section and captured their automatic gun.

Sister Jessie Brown, P.M.R.A.F.N.S., awarded the Decoration of the Royal Red Cross Second Class on 1st January, 1949.

Mohamed Youssif Khan, B.E.M., awarded the B.E.M. in recognition of his great loyalty, courage and devotion to duty as a member of the Auxiliary Communication Service during hostilities in Hong Kong, and for his services to B.A.A.G. during the Japanese occupation.

Mr. Cheung Mei Sau, awarded the King's Commendation for Brave Conduct for services to the Military Forces during the military operations in South East Asia.

Mr. Yue Yeh Shen, awarded the King's Commendation for Brave Conduct in recognition of services of a special nature during the war.

FOUND HANGING

A 38-year-old midwife was found in a room of the New Light Hotel shortly after midnight yesterday hanging by the neck.

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A suitable announcement will be inserted free of charge if Advertiser's requirements are satisfactorily answered.

POSITION WANTED

YOUNG PHYSICIAN, looking for appointment as Ship's Doctor. Please reply Box No. 695 "China Mail".

WANTED KNOWN

HOLLYWOOD STORE has just received a new consignment of Evening, Cocktail and Day dresses. Suits - Coats - Handkerchiefs, etc.

New addresses: Yellow Dragon (next door to Macintosh) No. 7, Des Voeux Road. Business resumed as from 29th inst.

RUGS, Manufacturers and Exporters, Peking and Tientsin Carpets and Rugs, Peking Art Rug Company, Room No. 8-9 Lucky Apartment, corner of Hankow and Peking Road, Kowloon.

CARPETS & RUGS Genuine Peking and Tientsin, lovely designs and colorings, various sizes, cheap and in stock at The China Rug Co., Kowloon Building, 4th floor, (Opposite Hong Kong Hotel) Queen's Road, Central.

NEWLY ARRIVED Underwood typewriter, standard and portable, latest typewriter ribbons and carbon papers, obtainable at The World Typewriter Co., 46, Wellington Street, Hong Kong. Tel. 20506.

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WANTED by elderly British lady one large unfurnished room with use of conveniences in vicinity Kowloon City. Reply P.O. Box 104, Kowloon or Tel. 58237.

DANCING LESSONS

BALLROOM Dancing — "Made Easy" for you. Latest Variations. Specialties: Rumba, Samba, Tango, Jitterbug. (Enquiries 1—39 M.)—Tony Hudson, 512, China Building.

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KOWLOON—convenient to airport—vacant sites already formed for high class residential development. Lot areas from 5,000 to 10,000 square feet. Moderate price for quick sale. Apply Box 694 "CHINA MAIL".

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DELAHAYE — latest model — 20 h.p. — 3000 m.m. steering wheel gear. Apply to CHINA INTERNATIONAL MOTORS Ltd. Service Station, 360 Hennessy Road.

PILOT RADIOS: Same reliable pre-war quality now obtainable at popular prices, made possible only by increased demand and large sales. World Reception Models from \$190 each. Obtainable at all the better dealers or direct from: Colonial Agencies, Taskochoy Bldg., 14 Queen's Road, Phone 26310.

CHINA MAIL X'MAS CARDS at 50 cents each, with envelopes to match. Obtainable at all Leading Book Stores and "China Mail" Office.

CHINA MAIL PICTORIAL at \$2.00 per copy. Obtainable at all Leading Book Stores and "China Mail" Office.

HONG KONG FILM AND THEATRE NEWS at 50 cents per copy. Obtainable at Leading Book Stores, Newspaper Sellers and "China Mail" Office.

SCRIBBLING PAD—100 pages at 50 cents each. On sale at "China Mail" office, Windsor House, Tel. 52312.

CHINA MAIL POSTCARD—\$1.50 for 5 or 30 cents each. Obtainable at all leading Book Stores and "China Mail" Office.

KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY

It is hereby notified that sealed Tenders in duplicate, which should be clearly marked "Rebuilding of carriage bodies No. 205 & No. 206" will be received at the Office of the Chairman, Tender Board, Colonial Secretariat, until noon on Friday, 7th January, 1949.

Tenders must attach to each tender a receipt showing that they have deposited with the Senior Accountant of the Kowloon Canton Railway the sum of \$500 as a pledge of the bona fides of their tenders, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown if the successful tenderer fails to deliver, or carry out his tender. The deposits will be returned to unsuccessful tenderers.

The successful tenderer will be required to deposit at the Treasury, Prince Building, Des Voeux Road, the sum of \$5,000 as security for due and faithful performance of his contract.

Forms of tender and specification may be obtained from the Head Office, Kowloon Canton Railway.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, and reserves the right to accept all or any part of the tender.

J. H. TREVOR
General Manager, Railway.
December 24, 1948.

H.K. TRAMWAYS LIMITED

MONTHLY TICKETS

Monthly Tickets for the month of January may be obtained, as follows:—

New tickets for passengers not holding a ticket for the present month can be obtained only at the Traffic Office, Canal Road East, on and after 30th December.

Existing tickets can be renewed at the Traffic Office, Canal Road East, on 26th, 27th and 31st December and 1st and 2nd January between the hours of 9.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon, and from 3rd January during ordinary office hours, i.e. 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Existing tickets may also be renewed at Queen's Building, Connaught Road Entrance, near Star Ferry, on 28th, 29th and 30th December.

W. F. SIMMONS,
General Manager.

NOTICE

We, the undersigned, have today tendered our resignation to Shewan Tomes & Co., Ltd.

Signed—H. DREYER,
C. W. L. COLE,
B. R. RASMUSSEN.
Hong Kong, Dec. 28, 1948.

NOTICE

I wish to announce that as from January 1, 1949, I am changing the name of my firm from G. A. Harriman & Sons to T. A. Pearce & Company, under which name I shall continue to trade as a stockbroker. My office address and telephone numbers remain the same.

T. A. PEARCE,
Principal,
G. A. Harriman & Sons.

NOTICE
TRANS-PACIFIC
FREIGHT CONFERENCE

NOTICE TO CONTRACT SHIPPERS

In the interests of Shippers and Conference Members it has been found desirable to revise Clause 6(b) in the present contract; and, as per provision in Clause 8 of same Contract, Shippers are hereby notified that effective April 1st, 1949, the General Commodities Contract at present in effect will be terminated, and a new one will come into effect.

The new Contract forms will be ready for signature on February 1st, 1949; and Shippers who wish to sign the new Contract before the expiry date of the old one may do so by applying to the undersigned after that date.

G. A. LEMAY,
Secretary,
Trans-Pacific Freight Conference
c/o Canadian Pacific Steamships, Ltd.,
Union Building,
P. O. Box 17.
Hong Kong, Dec. 29, 1948.

NOTICE

Previously the business of the authorized bottler of "Coca-Cola" in Hong Kong has been carried on under the name of ANKER B. HENNINGSEN, FEDERAL INC., U.S.A., for account of a corporation in process of formation under the China Trade Act. Such new corporation has been formed and will as of January 1, 1949 commence and carry on the business of the authorized bottler of "Coca-Cola" under its own name, i.e.:

HONG KONG BOTTLERS,
Federal Inc., U.S.A.

HONGKONG BOTTLERS,
Federal Inc., U.S.A.

ANKER B. HENNINGSEN
(President),
MAX E. HAEFELI
(Vice-President),
CHARLES T. CARROLL
(Managing Director),
ROBERT A. CRAWFORD
(Manager).

TAIKOO REFINERY,
QUARRY BAY
G.P.O. BOX NO. 1
HONG KONG.

CHINA PROVIDENT
LOAN & MORTGAGE
CO., LTD.

OFFICES.

For the convenience of our clients we have opened an entrance to our General Offices on Des Voeux Road West (between Nos. 1 & 2 Godowns) with a lift service to all floors.

We take this opportunity of wishing our clients a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

NOTICE

CHINA LIGHT & POWER COMPANY, LIMITED.

REDUCTION OF CHARGES

The following further reductions in charges will be made for current supplied from 1st January, 1949:—

KOWLOON
Lighting from 40 cents to 37 cents per unit.
Power from 18 cents to 10 cents per unit.

The reduction of 3 cents and 2 cents respectively will also apply to the Ordinary Lighting and Power Rates in the New Territories.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

P. W. A. WOOD,
Secretary & Chief Accountant.

Hong Kong, Dec. 29, 1948.

Service Auction Rooms

A. E. B. de Souza, Auctioneer,
Auctioneers, Surveyors, etc.
Basement, French Bank Bldg.,
Telephone No. 31897.

POLICE NOTICE
FOUND

The following articles were recovered from the vicinity of the damaged "CATALINA" flying boat which crashed whilst flying from Macao to Hong Kong on the 16.7.48.

Thin gold chain with metal medallion . . . 1 No.
Gold ring 1 No.
Spoons, silver 2 Nos.

These items may be seen by any person having claim to them at the office of the O.C. Police Stores, Central Police Station between the hours of 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. daily except holidays.

Any article remaining unclaimed 10 days after the publication of this notice will be disposed of (Ref: PHQ. 6138).

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

POLICE NOTICE

Applications from suitable candidates to fill immediately a limited number of vacancies as TRANSLATORS in the Hong Kong Police Force are called for.

Intending candidates should possess the following qualifications:—

1. Have passed school leaving examination or have reached an equivalent standard of education.
2. Be able to translate readily and accurately newspaper articles, documents etc. from English to Chinese and vice-versa.
3. A knowledge of typing will also be considered an advantage.

Salary will be \$230 per month basic plus the usual Cost of Living Allowance.

Intending candidates should apply in person and with an application in their own handwriting bringing also any references, to the Chief Inspector Police Headquarters, Connaught Road Central as soon as possible.

NOTICE

As of October 1, 1948, I, H. F. SHIELDS, have taken into partnership N. J. Whelpton, L.D.S., R.C.S., Eng., and we will continue to practise dentistry at the former address, Rooms 211/215 (Telephone 27447), Gloucester Building, under the partnership name of "Shields & Whelpton".

As from January 3, 1949, we will also maintain an office in Kowloon at No. 1, Salisbury Road (opposite Kowloon Star Ferry, next to Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharves main gate; Telephone 50245).

H. F. SHIELDS,
N. J. WHELPTON.

Dated December 30, 1948.

LAMBERT BROS.

Auctioneers, Surveyors and Appraisers,
Federation Building,
Telephone No. 20224.

CHEUNG CHAU FERRY SERVICE

On and after the 1st January, 1949

Leaving	Hong Kong	7.20 a.m.	9.00 a.m.	10.00 a.m.	12.00 noon	3.00 p.m.	5.00 p.m.
Ping Chau Island	—	10.05 "	—	1.05 p.m.	4.05 "	—	—
Silvermine Bay	—	10.30 "	—	1.30 "	4.30 "	—	—
Arr. Cheung Chau	8.40 a.m.	11.05 "	11.15 a.m.	2.05 "	5.05 "	6.15 p.m.	—
Leaving	Cheung Chau	7.20 a.m.	9.00 a.m.	12.00 noon	2.45 p.m.	4.15 p.m.	5.15 p.m.
Silvermine Bay	—	9.30 "	12.30 p.m.	3.15 "	—	—	—
Ping Chau Island	—	10.00 "	1.00 "	3.45 "	—	—	—
Arr. Hong Kong	8.40 a.m.	11.05 "	2.05 "	4.50 "	5.30 p.m.	6.30 p.m.	—

* Sundays and Public Holidays only.

FARES

Service	1st Class	3rd Class
Direct	\$1.20	\$1.00
Indirect	.80	.60

Hong Kong, December 30, 1948.

THE HONG KONG & YAU MATI FERRY CO., LTD.

Drink **Rheingold** 精飲 雷金啤酒
The Most Wanted Beer
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NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

HOURS OF BUSINESS.

BUTCHERY DEPT.

All Branches	Friday 31st December 1948	8.30 a.m. — 12.30 p.m. only
do	Saturday 1st January 1949	Closed all day
Branches & Windsor House Annex	Sunday 2nd January 1949	9.00 a.m. — 11.00 a.m. only

DAIRY DEPT.

Lower Albert Road	Friday 31st December 1948	7.30 a.m. — 12.30 p.m. only
East Point Branch	Saturday 1st January 1949	7.30 a.m. — 9.30 a.m. only
Kowloon Branch	Sunday 2nd January 1949	Usual Sunday Hours
Windsor House	Friday 31st December 1948	7.30 a.m. — 12.30 p.m. only
Windsor House (Annexe only)	Saturday 1st January 1949	7.30 a.m. — 9.30 a.m. only
Windsor House (Annexe only)	Sunday 2nd January 1949	Usual Sunday Hours

PEAK BRANCH.

Friday 31st December 1948	8.30 a.m. — 12.30 p.m. only
Saturday 1st January 1949	9.00 a.m. — 11.00 a.m. only
Sunday 2nd January 1949	Usual Sunday Hours

COLD STORAGE DEPT.

East Point	Friday 31st December 1948	Open all day
do	Saturday 1st January 1949	Closed all day
do	Sunday 2nd January 1949	9.00 a.m. — 11.00 a.m. only
Connaught Road & Canton Road Kowloon	Friday 31st December 1948	Open all day
do	Saturday 1st January 1949	Closed all day
do	Sunday 2nd January 1949	8.00 a.m. — 10.00 a.m. only

ICE SALES.

East Point	Friday 31st December 1948	Usual Hours
do	Saturday 1st January 1949	do
do	Sunday 2nd January 1949	Usual Sunday Hours
Lower Albert Road	Friday 31st December 1948	8.30 a.m. — 12.30 p.m. only
Peak Branch Pottinger Street	Saturday 1st January 1949	Closed all day
Kowloon Branch	Sunday 2nd January 1949	Usual Sunday Hours
Kansu Street, Kowloon	Friday 31st December 1948	Usual Hours
do	Saturday 1st January 1949	8.00 a.m. — 10.00 a.m. only
do	Sunday 2nd January 1949	Usual Sunday Hours

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A glass of sparkling Eno.
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ENO'S "FRUIT SALT"
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By Shepard Barclay

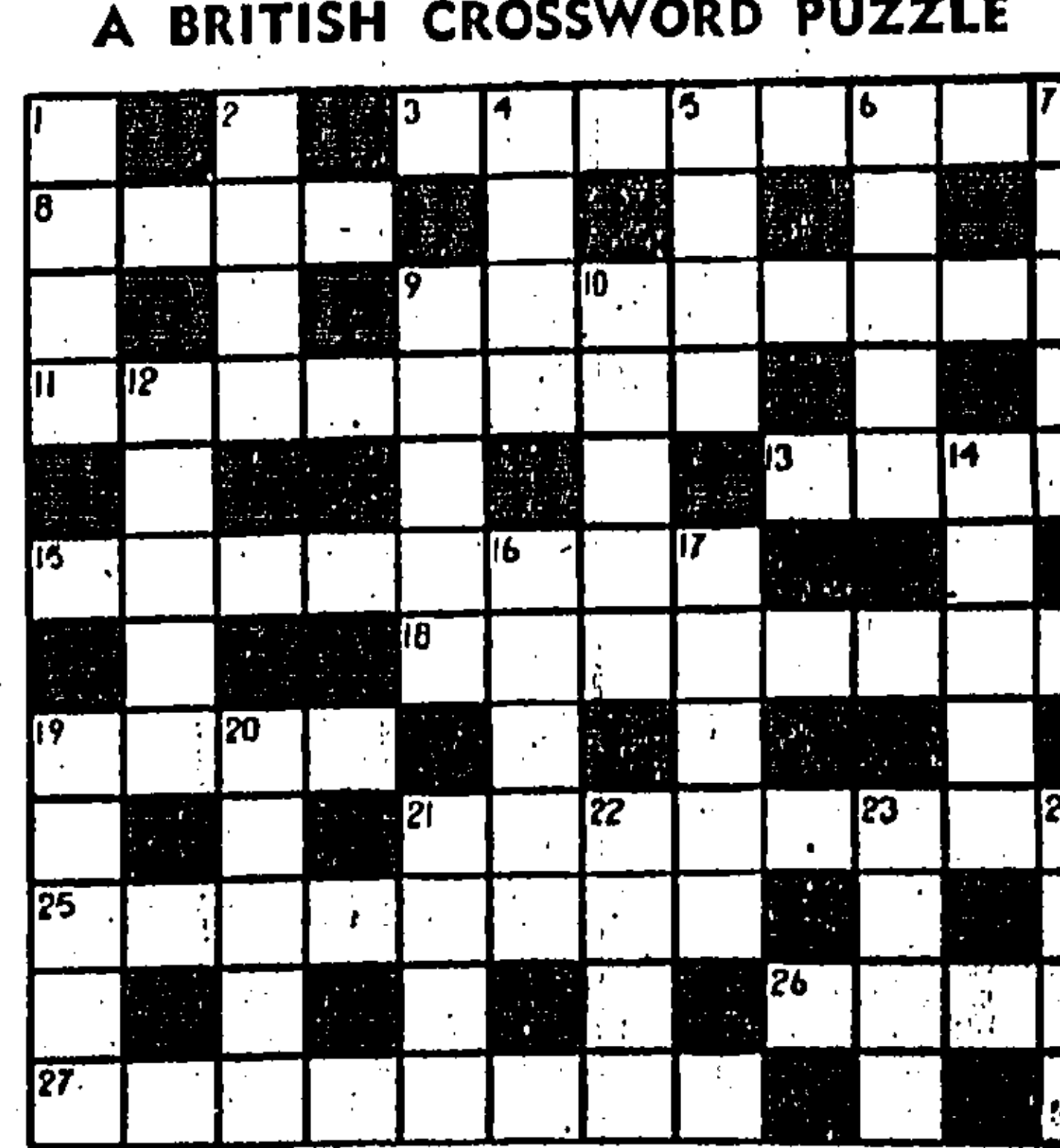
The Authority on Automobiles

Count by two methods

When you play your favourite method of counting your strength how can you be right on the line between strength enough to bid and not quite enough, it pays to measure it according to another standard. Suppose you use the non-trick yardstick employed by so many, and it leaves you in doubt. Then is the time to use also the "count" of ace 4, king 3, queen 2 and jack 1, making an average hand total 10. If your hand adds to 12 or more that way, it will usually pay you to open a borderline hand in the first three positions; if it adds to 11 or less, then be wary. Vice versa—use honour tricks to decide close questions if you are a "counter".

SA 10 H K 4 2 D Q 10 9 7 5 C 6 5 3
S Q 7 6 H Q J 7 5 D A J 4 C K 4
S J 8 2 H A 10 9 4 D 6 3 C Q J 8 7
S Q 5 4 3 H 3 D K 8 2 C A 10 9 3 2
(Dealer: North. East-West vulnerable.)
North East South West
1 C Pass 1 S Pass
2 S Pass 4 S Pass
Plenty of people who held those North cards in a big duplicate tournament—in fact, nearly half of them—passed and as a result saw the deal passed out. In each case they were rigid honour-trick values and lacked the ability to weigh the merits of the secondary honours in the hand.
The most expert bidders, especially those using the "count" method, saw that the hand with 14 points was more than good enough to make an opening sound. In some cases, this led to an eventual contract of 3-No Trumps, because neither North nor South knew that it pays to bid a four-card major topped by a king or queen. They made their game easily. But they of course lost in the tournament to the people who did better by bidding spades and getting into a spade game.
All of the spade declarers beat the No Trumpers by 20 points or more. One beat that score by 50 because an extra trick got made. There the diamond 10 lead was won by the J, a club won by the K, another led to the diamond A, the declarer losing only one trick in hearts and one in spades.

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across
3 Gets better. 18 Slackening.
8 Exposed. 19 Demonstrate.
9 Feign ill. 20 Brought to notice again.
11 Kept. 21 Put back.
13 Tax. 26 Bucket.
15 Writer of music. 27 Corridors.

Down
1 Morose. 14 Scene of action.
2 Skin. 15 Cut apart.
4 Lament. 16 Cut apart.
5 Incursion. 17 Swift.
6 Indefinite. 19 Lay bare.
7 Wander. 20 Fertile spot.
9 Lesser. 21 Roll.
10 Even. 22 Lake.
12 Important period. 24 Blockhead.

Yesterday's Crossword
ACROSS:—1 Traced, 4 Gaped, 7 Interval, 8 Lured, 9 Hermit, 11 Espouse, 13 Cabinet, 15 Ascend, 16 Sails, 18 Tempting, 20 Mayor, 21 Result.
DOWN:—1 Thigh, 2 Cream, 3 Devotee, 4 Gallop, 5 Preclude, 6 Drudge, 10 Ribaldry, 12 Slammer, 13 Custom, 14 Noddy, 16 Clites, 17 Digit.

LEE THEATRE

ADVANCE BOOKING OFFICE
CHINA TRAVEL SERVICE, QUEEN'S RD., 2.
BOOKING HOURS: 11.00 a.m. to 9.30 p.m. daily
TAKE ANY ROUTE 5 BUS
Commencing Today At 2.30, 5.15, 7.15 & 9.20 p.m.

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THE SNAPPIEST
PLAY OF OUR DAY
ZIPS TO THE SCREEN TODAY!

Warner Bros. bring you everything that made its love-making the snappiest, and its 5-year stage-run the happiest that ever came roaring off Broadway!

RONALD REAGAN PARKER
ELEANOR ARDEN WAYNE MORRIS

Directed by IRVING RAPPER
Produced by KURT SMITH, JOHN EMERY

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THE ROYAL CHRISTENING

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Saturday At 11.30 A.M. Sunday At 11.30 A.M.
DANNY KAYE VIRGINIA MAYO
IN "THE KID FROM BROOKLYN,"
AN RKO-RADIO PICTURE

WALT DISNEY'S
"SONG OF THE SOUTH"
IN TECHNICOLOR
AN RKO-RADIO PICTURE

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with GENE AUTRY FRANKIE DARRO
Directed by KING ROSS

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THE FIRST JUNGLE PICTURE IN SCREEN HISTORY!

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Walt Disney Color Cartoon: "PLUTO'S PURCHASE"
M-G-M's Color Cartoon: "Mouse in the House"
Special Morning Show For New Year Holidays
at 12.30 (AT REDUCED ADMISSION PRICES)
TODAY "13 RUE MADELEINE"
Jan. 1st & 2nd "THE KING KONG"

CINEMA WORLD

SELLING GRAMOPHONES
THREE TO THE BAR

At first sight "Emperor Waltz" (the Queen's initial offering for 1949) would appear to be light opera. On a second look, however, it turns out to be a burlesque of light opera, which is even better, with Bing Crosby and Joan Fontaine doing most of the burlesquing.

Incidentally, this point is not made in any of the advance publicity pushed out by the Hollywood hacks to herald the film's arrival. The explanation would seem to be that the picture was intended to be a straight performance, comedy but not farce, but that when it was finished—long after the adjectives—had produced their nonsense at the time, it had followed the producer's attempts to make him the great lover, and that Miss Fontaine had played up to him.

The result is more than amusing and most entertaining. The golden larynx is this time billed as an American travelling salesman, Virgil Smith, to make the German gramophone-mimic. It being a foregone conclusion that the hot polka would rush to buy the new-fangled machine if the Emperor Franz Josef endorses it, the enterprising salesman makes an immediate and determined effort to obtain the all-important endorsement.

In the course of failing to achieve this he meets Countess Johanna (Joan Fontaine), a noble piece of goods with a strong sense of noblesse but very little of oblige. It should be noted here and now, at the risk of turning away thousands, that there are a couple of dogs in this film whose

STAR

Phone 55335
17 Hankow Road, Kowloon
TODAY
2.30, 5.15, 7.20 & 9.30 P.M.

DOWN ARGENTINE WAY

IN TECHNICOLOR
DON AMICHE and BETTY GRABLE
CARMEN MIRANDA
CHARLOTTE GRIMWOOD
CAROL MANN - HENRY THOMPSON - LLOYD ALBERT - CHRISTOPHER BARKER

TOMORROW
SPECIAL SHOWING AT
12 NOON ONLY
"BATAAN"
STARRING: ROBERT TAYLOR

MAJESTIC

—SHOWING TODAY—
AT 2.30, 5.20, 7.20 & 9.20 P.M.

Something in the Wind

DEANNA DURBIN
DONALD O'CONNOR
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CHARLES WINNINGER, JACQUELINE DE WIT
and JAN PERCIE Star of the Metropolitan Opera
A UNIVERSAL-INTERNATIONAL PICTURE
New Year Attraction
The Best of 1948's "Best Ten"
Dorothy F. ZANUCK'S
"WILSON"
Color by Technicolor



The American travelling salesman (Bing Crosby) defers to the haughty Countess (Joan Fontaine) in a scene from "Emperor Waltz." Paramount's Technico offering for the New Year at the Queen's

TALKING TURTLE

Hollywood has, many a time, taken popular stage successes into films. The movies thus made have seldom been flops and frequently have been as successful as the original play. This cannot be said for "The Voice of the Turtle," the Lee's New Year feature.

This may be because the John van Druten comedy on the boards was somewhat more risqué than the Johnson Office would allow to pass on its pure white screen. Presumably cinema audiences are considered



Turtledove Eleanor Parker receives a little aid in unzipping from fellow turtle Ronald Reagan.

to be much more naïve than those who attend the theatre. Again, it may be because in its original form the play was one of those intimate little productions—only three characters and only one scene, that of a young actress's apartment. The film does confine most of its action to the apartment, but ventures abroad from time to time. Usually this tends to improve on the stage version but in this case the improvement is debatable.

However, though it appears to have lost the vital spark which invigorated the play, the film is still to be rated fairly high in the list of comedies on the recent Hollywood list. Eleanor Parker plays Sally Middleton, a young actress with volatile affections, who, when the action begins, is undergoing the slightly painful process of being brushed off by the current boy friend. Sally is not meant to be a very stable character, obviously, but it is doubtful if Mr. van Druten ever meant her to be so to the point of imbecility, which is what Miss Parker makes her at times. Now in a completely unattached state and a very receptive mood for some sympathy,

handling, Sally meets a thespian friend, Olive Lashbrook (Eve Arden), an attractive and mature wench, and a seasoned lance-carrier in the tournament of amour. Olive is in a fix of an embarrassing but fluttering type, having two boyfriends anticipating the enjoyment of her company that evening and only one Olive with which to gratify their anticipation.

Obviously, the spare man is tossed into Sally's lap. He turns out to be a comely young army sergeant named Bill (Ronald Reagan). What with one thing and another (such as having a rather cloyingly nostalgic dinner at one of those incredibly chic little restaurants and spending the night in Sally's apartment owing to the shortage of hotel accommodation) this Bill develops a fairly high-powered yearning towards Sally.

This is not to be wondered at as Miss Parker, though laying on the scattiness with a steam-shovel, is no hammer-tongued drudge. And, of course, Ronald Reagan is no stoop-shouldered old gargoyles either. With a deal of very good dialogue, some excellent playing of the hard-boiled good-time girl by Eve Arden, and a little amiable clowning by Wayne Morris, who plays Ned Burling, Olives choice of dates, that is the film.

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THE BIGGEST THING THAT EVER HAPPENED TO BING...OR TO YOU!

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BING CROSBY & JOAN FONTAINE

in "The Emperor Waltz"
Color by TECHNICOLOR
with Roland Culver, Lucile Watson, Richard Haydn, Harold Vermilyea

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Extra Performance at 11.30 A.M.

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AGAIN TOGETHER! AGAIN TERRIFIC!

Through Indescribable Dangers To A Girl Up To The Mountains!

HUMPHREY BOGART LAUREN BACALL

in "THE GREAT WALTZ"
Color by Technicolor

* EXTRA PERFORMANCE TODAY AT 12.30 P.M. *
SABU
Raymond MASSEY in "THE DRUM"
with Valerie HOESON IN TECHNICOLOR

* NEW YEAR EXTRA MORNING SHOWS *
AT 10.30 A.M.
The Greatest Musical Hit
"THE GREAT WALTZ" IN TECHNICOLOR

NEW YEAR ATTRACTION—Thrills Flamed the Screen!
Jon HALL
Margaret LINDSAY in "THE VIGILANTES RETURN"
IN CINE COLOR with Andy DEVINE

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At 2.30, 5.15, 7.20 & 9.30 p.m.

THE PERFECT MURDER?

HERBERT LOM
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Produced by LOUIS H. JACKSON
Directed by ALFRED TRAVERS

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TO A HIDEOUS IDOL!

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Own Story Of The War
In Europe

spot we had decided upon as most useful for supply and maintenance purposes in Brittany was Quiberon Bay, a large, sheltered, but undeveloped harbour on the Southern flank of the peninsula's base.

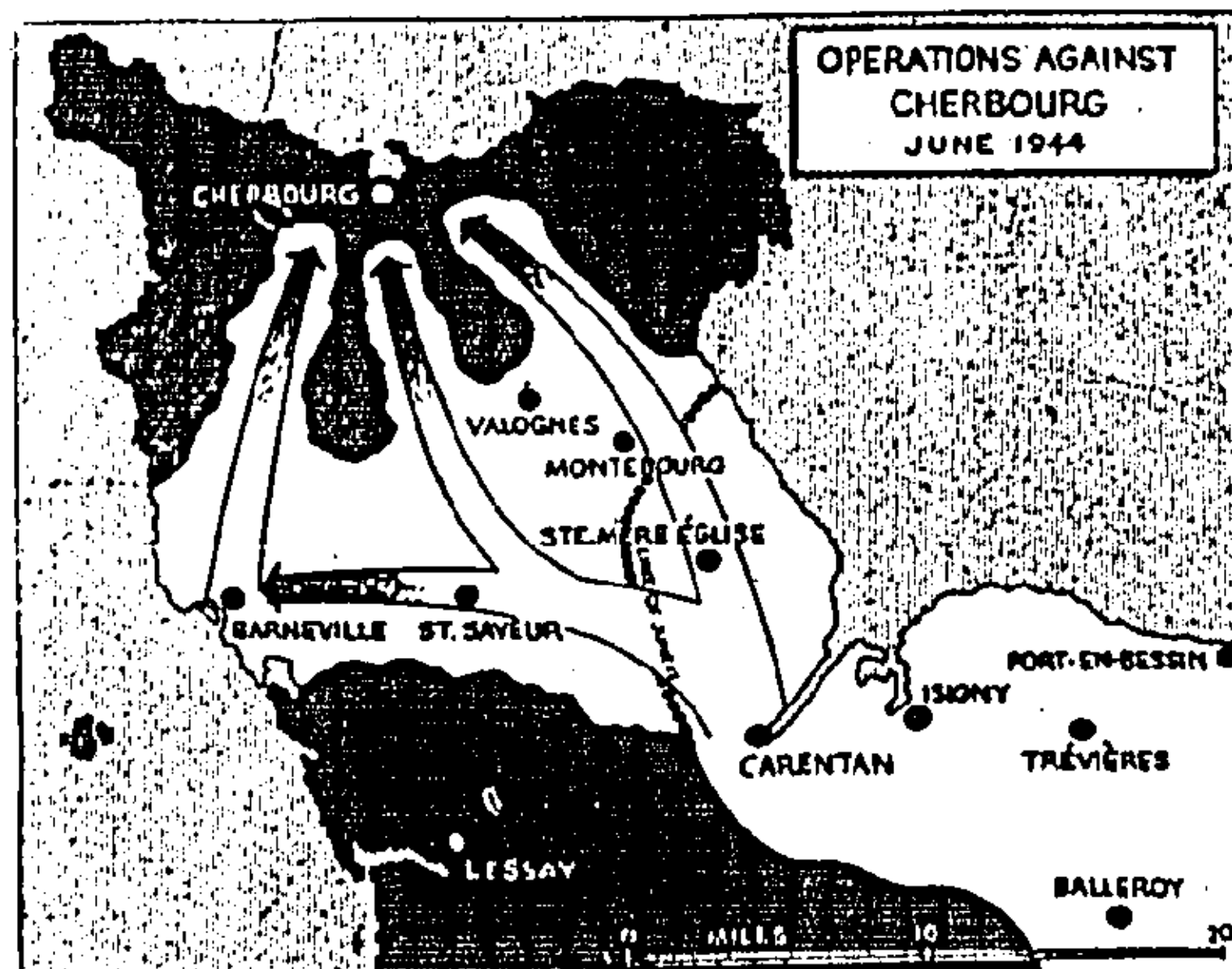
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the development of artificial ports we had a rugged and effective system of supply and reinforcement. We were confident, consequently, that in the build-up race we were sure to win. Beyond this, a possible counter-move was the launching of a secondary amphibious and possibly airborne effort against the Brittany Peninsula.

Early planning placed a very great importance on the ports in that area, and we believed that, if the enemy should denude his defences there in an effort to present an impenetrable line in front of our Normandy landings, we could accomplish a surprise move into the Brittany region which would threaten to take him in flank and rear. In this connection we had already learned that the Germans never deliberately evacuated a port without leaving behind them a desolation and destruction that rendered rapid repair extremely difficult; therefore the particular

continuous throughout the remainder of the front, with only local gains anywhere, and almost stalemate in the Caen sector. The sketch shows our lines on June 12 and 26.

Montgomery's tactical handling of the British and Canadians on the Eastern flank and his co-ordination of these operations with those of the Americans to the Westward involved the kind of work in which he excelled. He well understood the personal equation of the British soldier, and the morale of his forces remained high in spite of frustrations and losses that could easily have shaken troops under a commander in whom they did not place their implicit trust.



Bradley's minimum and maximum estimates of the influence of this factor. Our good luck was largely represented by the degree of surprise that we achieved by landing on Utah Beach, which the Germans considered unsuitable for major amphibious operations, and by the effective action of the two airborne divisions, the 82nd and the 101st, which had landed almost in the centre of the peninsula. Our bad luck was in the hurricane that struck us on June 19. It stopped for a period of four days nearly all landing activity on the beaches and therefore interfered seriously with every operation; it was so fierce in character as to render offensive fighting extremely difficult.

During that time sea communications between the United Kingdom and the Continent were completely interrupted and it was almost impossible to land an airplane on the small landing strips we had constructed in the bridgehead. The mulberry at Omaha Beach in the American sector suffered damage beyond repair. Great numbers of ships and small vessels were grounded or scuttled onto the beach.

Conditions would have been ideal for a German counterattack except for the prior effectiveness of the Air Force campaign of isolation. Here, as always, was emphasised the decisive influence of air power in the ground battle.

On the day of the storm's ending I flew from one end of our beach line to the other and counted more than 300 wrecked vessels above small-boat size, some so badly damaged they could not be salvaged.

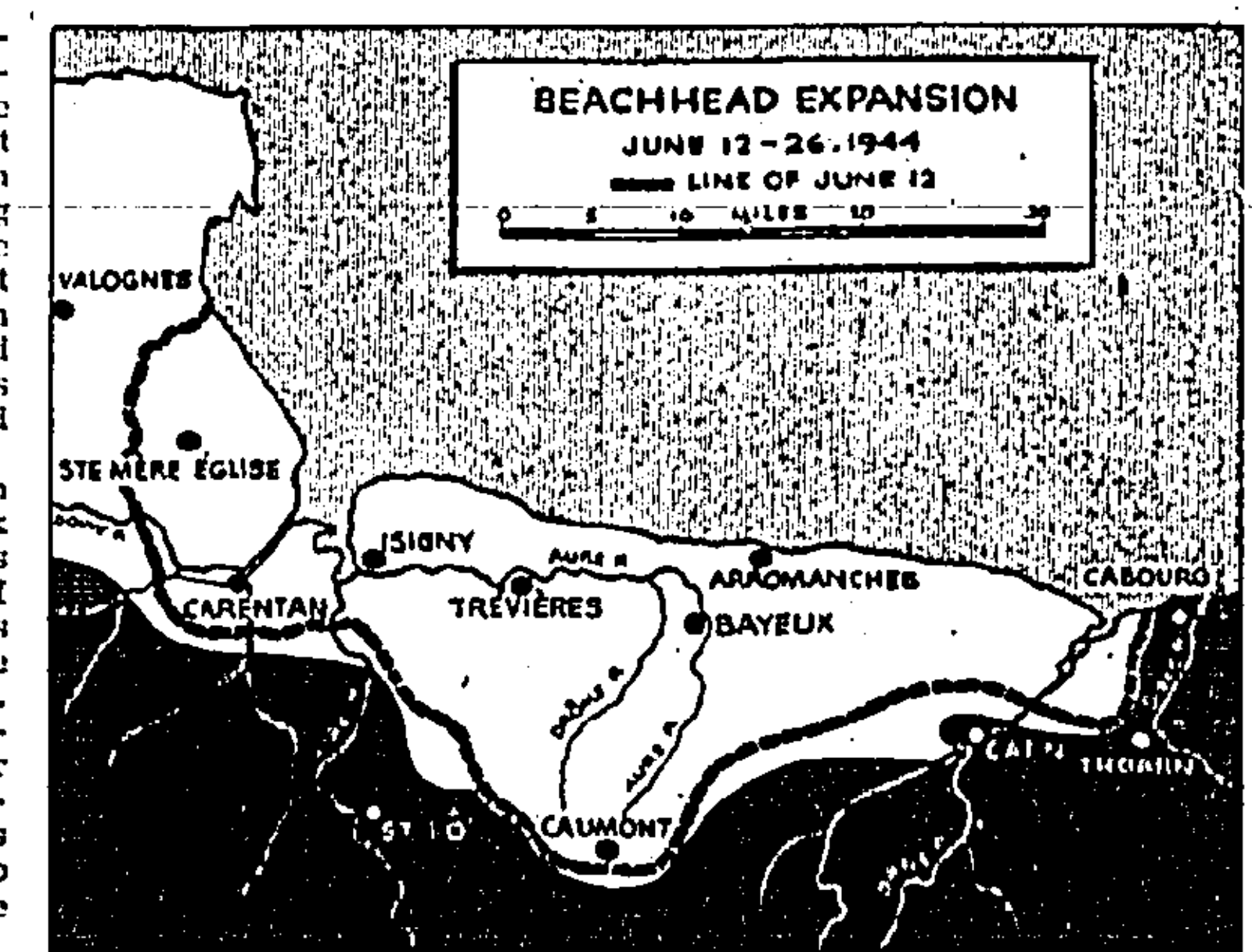
When the storm struck, one American division, the 83rd was still lying in its ships just off the beach. Bulk unloading was out of the question and so during the entire storm the division underwent an extremely uncomfortable and trying experience. I visited the men of that division the day they finally got ashore and found a number of them still seasick and temporarily exhausted.

There was no sight in the war that so impressed me with the industrial might of America as the wreckage on the landing beaches. To any other nation the disaster would have been almost decisive; but so great was America's productive capacity that the great storm occasioned little more than a ripple in the development of our build-up.

With the capture of Cherbourg the work of port rehabilitation was started immediately. The Germans had accomplished major demolitions and had planted in the harbour and its approaches a profusion and variety of mines. Some of the new types of mines could be removed only by deep-sea divers, who had to descend to the bottom to disarm the mines. The work of the mine sweepers and the deep-sea divers in Cherbourg Harbour was one of the dramatic and courageous incidents of the war.

During the twenty days required by the U. S. VII Corps to capture Cherbourg, the fighting was

General Bradley displayed qualities of steadfastness, drive, professional skill, and a capacity for human understanding which became so obvious to his subordinates and his superiors alike that the American teamwork forged on the many battlefields of the Normandy beachhead was never thereafter seriously shaken. He was then commanding the First Army. Major General Elwood R. Quesada, a young and able air commander, was in charge of the tactical air groupings immediately supporting him. The mutual confidence they developed, the systems and methods they worked out for battlefield co-ordination, and the spirit they infused among all their sub-



ordinates, were in pleasing contrast to other cases that I had encountered early in the war. The Navy likewise fitted perfectly into the picture. The accomplishments in Europe of the three United States services operating under unified command strongly influenced my determined advocacy of a similar type of organisation in postwar Washington.

During the early stages of the battle my own life was one of almost incessant travel. A visit to Montgomery, Bradley, or to troops on the front would be immediately followed by a period of activity in the Portsmouth headquarters, where the work of co-ordinating and adjusting shipments and major phases of plan-

may thus easily become a draining sore in the side of the attacker rather than the opening stages of a destructive campaign against the defender's main forces. This had been the Allied experience at Gallipoli in the first World War, an experience that was partially repeated, for some months in the early part of 1944, in the Anzio operation. Such a possibility had, of course, been thoroughly examined and planned against, long before D-day. Our greatest asset in defeating it lay in our air and sea power. With the first we were confident of disrupting enemy supply and communication, of impeding troop movements, and of beating down prepared defences. Through sea power and

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Lesson 9

- Vocabulary:—
50. (tak) duk¹ Can. To get, obtain.
51. (kaai) gaaye¹ A street.
52. (t'iu) teeco Classifier for streets, roads, rivers and things long and flexible.
- Useful phrase:
(5) "Guang¹ hay² faat³ tsoy¹" "Congratulation (on your) prosperity".
- Phrases and sentences:
(A) 1. Dzoh duk¹. It can be done. It will do.
2. M¹ dzoh duk¹. It can't be done. It won't do.
3a. Dzoh duk¹ m¹ dzoh duk¹? Can it be done? Will it do?
b. Dzoh m¹ dzoh duk¹?
c. Dzoh duk¹ mah³?
d. Duk¹ m¹ duk¹?
(B) 1. Hui² gaaye¹. To go out.
2. Yut¹ teeco gaaye¹. One street.
3. Been¹ teeco gaaye¹? Which street?
4. Nee¹ teeco gaaye¹. This street.
5. Teeco teeco gaaye¹. Every street.

- Conversation:
A. Bay² dee¹ tseen² ngaw, duk¹ m¹ duk¹ neh¹? Will you give (it to) me? money?
B. Nay yecoo³ tseen² dzoh mee¹ yeh ah²? What do you want money for?
A. Ngaw seung² hui² gaaye¹ maaye yeh. I want to go out shopping.
B. Nay yecoo³ gay² daw¹ neh²? How much do you want?
A. Ngaw yecoo³ ng shup gaw³ ngun tseen². I want fifty dollars.
B. Nay maaye mee¹ yeh ah²? What are you going to buy?
A. Ngaw maaye leung gaw³ jung¹. I am going to buy two clocks.
B. Maaye yut¹ gaw³ jung¹? What is the cost of a clock?
A. Yecoo³ yee shup say¹ mun¹. It costs twenty-four dollars.
B. Nee¹ shue³ hai ng shup mun¹. Here is fifty dollars.
A. Nay hui² gaaye¹ mah³? Are you going out?
A. Nay yau² yeh dzoh, m hui² duk¹ gaaye¹. I have work to do, cannot go out.

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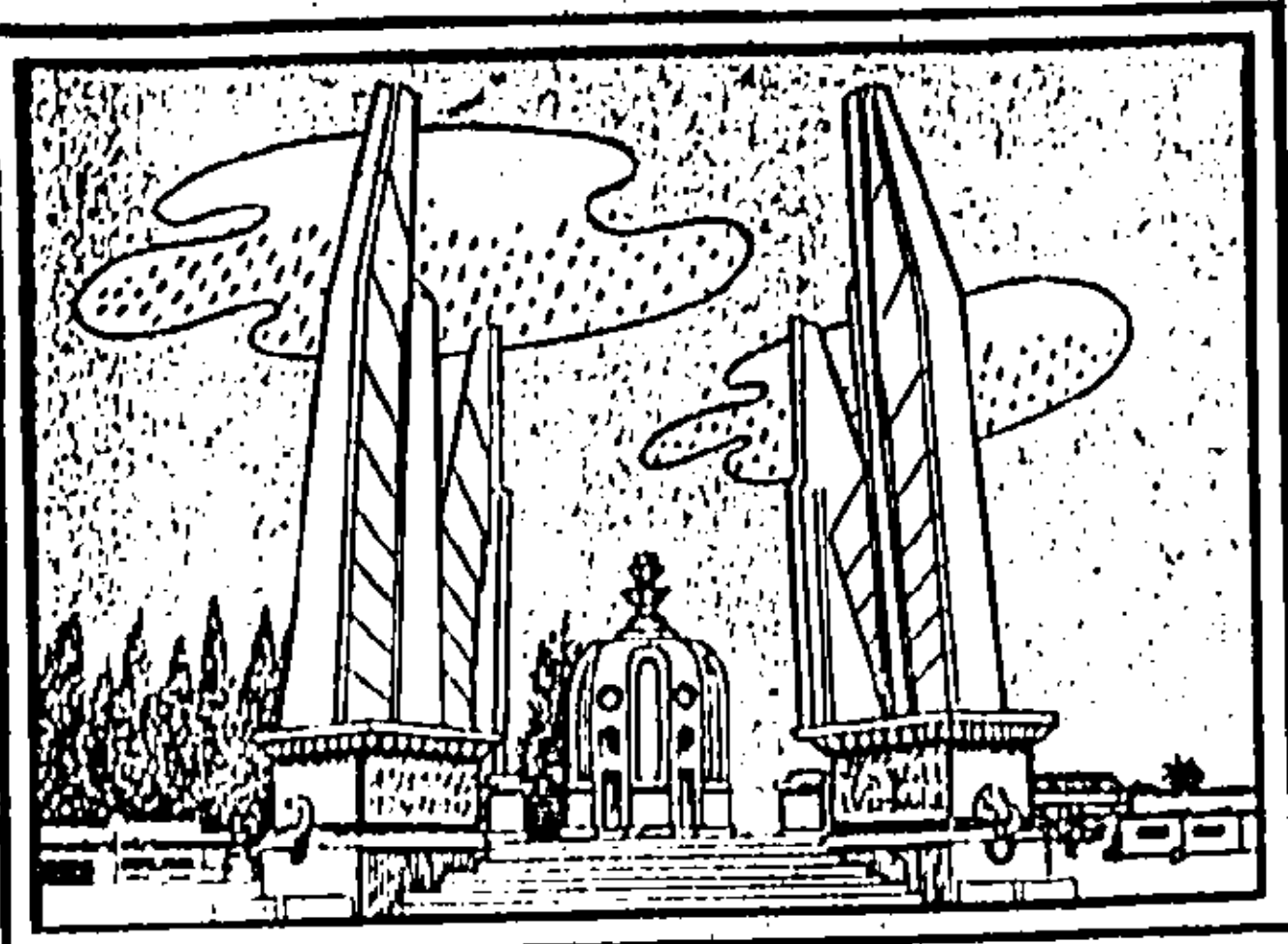
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CHINA'S DESTINY

What will be the immediate outcome of the intensive political activity in Nanking, where every top-ranking Nationalist leader in China is assembled, still stands as anybody's guess. None can doubt that for President Chiang Kai-shek and his regime the roads of destiny are clearly marked, or that the pressure to abandon a losing battle in the civil war and to find a formula for peace with the Communists is gaining weight from the highest quarters. The Chinese people are so discontented with the present Government that any alternative—even Communist—appears worth the risk. The Chinese form one of the most tolerant races of the earth. They are patient beyond most people's endurance. Famine, the Japanese invasion, long weary years of privation, slaughter, bombing and oppression—all these things they have suffered so long as long as there remained some hope for the future. After Japan's defeat, however, the National Government's wilful venture into a new civil war heaped further misery upon them.

The great mass of the Chinese care nothing for the finer points of political ideology, but they wholeheartedly blame the present government for the chaos that prevails. Corruption they know and make allowances for, but they find it impossible to forgive ineptitude quite so complete. Certainly in areas where civil war operations have brought the problem to hearths and homes, there is no will to resist Communism. The Red regime is a dictatorship, but it has survived the first tests of efficiency in the way it has beaten the opposition after starting under great disadvantages. Its land reform programmes, ruthless sometimes in their application, has ended rural feudalism over large areas. American intervention, well-meaning though it was, made matters much worse. The Chinese now blame the United States for prolongation of the civil war contending that it would have been settled long ago, by a compromise arrangement if American arms and dollars had not tempted the National Government leaders into the belief that with this help they could eliminate their political opponents. The Communists have now repeated their intimations in Shanghai that they will protect American lives and interests, and they have in fact hinted in Yenan broadcasts that they will invite foreign help in the rebuilding of China. Many optimistic foreign merchants take this at its face value. Others think that the Communists are themselves surprised at the magnitude of their successes, and appreciating the nature of the task confronting them will accept aid from any quarter—until they are firmly in the saddle. Certainly the Communist armies are excellently led. The strategy has been highly successful—witness the drive on Nanking before North China was consolidated, a drive which has contributed more than any other factor to the swift breakdown of morale in Nanking. Probably a considerable time will elapse before any change in regime can be organised. Outlying provinces may seize upon the chance for local autonomy, however temporary. Nevertheless the broad pattern is becoming clearer and few believe that any decision reached in Nanking, which does not allow for peace overtures, will do more than postpone the completion of the design. President



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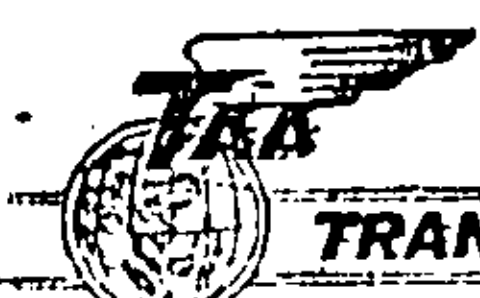
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Nevada Shaken By Quake

Reno, December 29. A sharp earthquake, followed by continuing shuddering tremors, rattled most of Western Nevada and Northern California early today. Telephone communications between the two States were disrupted.

The first violent "jolt" accompanied by a low thundering noise, rocked thousands of square miles in the two-State area and intermittent tremors were still rattling this city eight hours later.

The quake, snapped telephone lines between Reno and Sacramento, California, caused the collapse of a stone wall in Verdi, Nevada, and caused hundreds of dollars' damage to glassware and plaster throughout Western Nevada.

The initial shock was felt as far West as Oakland, California, and from Marysville, California, South to Los Angeles, San Joaquin valley.

Professor Vincent Gianella, University of Nevada, Reno, said the first shock threw the University's seismograph completely off its track.

"Only a very severe quake would do that," he added. He restored the instrument to operation within 15 minutes and since that time there has been a continuous stream of earthquake activity which seems to be continuing in the Reno area itself. United Press.

Iraqis Join In Fighting Again

Baghdad, December 29. Iraqi forces have resumed the fighting in Palestine, the Iraqi Prime Minister, Muzahim Amin Pachachi, announced today.

He declared: "The Iraqi Army has resumed fighting in Palestine besides the Egyptian forces. The Iraqi Government has refused a request from Brigadier General William Riley (the United Nations Observers' Chief of Staff) to accept a permanent truce."

He added that he was hopeful that an agreement would be reached for a unified command of the Arab armies.

The Premier was speaking at a demonstration by students who had demanded that Iraq resume fighting to save Palestine. Jewish and Egyptian forces are fighting in the Negev area of Southern Palestine. Iraqi forces had earlier been engaged in the Nablus-Tulkarm-Jenin triangle in Central Palestine South of the Sea of Galilee.

The United Nations ordered a cease fire on July 15 and again on November 4.

An Israeli military spokesman in Tel Aviv today described the current fighting in the Negev desert as mopping up operations, taking place in Israeli territory.

Ground and air activity continued but on a reduced scale, he added. The spokesman invariably had no comment in reply to reporters' questions on Egyptian claims and complaints about the Negev fighting.

In Haifa, a United Nations spokesman said the situation in Southern Palestine was described by observers as quiet.—Reuter.

Paris, December 29. Israeli troops have invaded Egypt, the British delegate to the United Nations Security Council told the Council today.

The British delegate, Mr. Harold Beeley, told the Council this afternoon that, according to telegrams from the British Embassy in Cairo, Jewish forces are now within Egyptian territory. The telegram stated, he said, that Jewish forces are now within 10 kilometres of the Egyptian town of El Arish.

He added that Britain considers that the effective maintenance of the truce is an essential step, firstly for an armistice, and secondly, for the conclusion of a definitive settlement.

(An Israeli military spokesman in Tel Aviv tonight flatly denied the British statement.)

After the disclosure by Mr. Beeley, the Ukrainian delegate, Mr. Tanshenko, declared that the United Nations draft resolution (put forward yesterday calling for an immediate cease fire) was designed to protect the British puppet, King Abdullah of Trans-Jordan.

He added that he would vote only for the first paragraph of the resolution, which orders an immediate cease fire.

Mr. Jacob Malik, the Soviet representative, said the United Nations General Assembly had liquidated the office of the Mediator and the last part of the British draft resolution did not therefore make sense.

British Plan Adopted

On his recommendation, the Special Committee on Palestine will report to the Council on January 7 and not January 6 as originally stated in the resolution. The Council then voted on the British resolution which was carried and adopted by eight votes to nil, with three abstentions.

The resolution, as amended, called on the Governments concerned to order an immediate cease fire, to implement without delay the November 4 resolution of the Council (which calls for the restoration of the truce in the Negev), to obey the order of the acting Mediator as to the withdrawal of forces, and to allow and facilitate supervision by United Nations observers.

It instructs the acting Mediator to report to the Council by January 6 about the progress made by that date in implementing the resolution of November 16 (which called for negotiations between the parties concerned).

It also invites the Committee of the Council appointed under the November 4 resolution to meet in January to consider the Negev situation and to report; and invites Cuba and Norway to replace from January 1 the two retiring Committee members, Belgium and Colombia.

Russian Demand

The resolution expresses the Committee's disappointment that the General Assembly on December 11 will be established with the least possible delay. The three abstaining members were the United States, Russia and the Ukraine.

Earlier, Mr. Jacob Malik, for Russia, had made a new call for a cease fire. The meeting began with a tribute to the late Egyptian Premier, Mr. Kasbi Pasha, who was assassinated yesterday.

Mr. Ferdinand Van Langenhove (Belgium), the Chairman, asked the Egyptian delegate, Fawzi Pasha, to communicate the Council's condolences to his Government.

Mr. Malik, reopening the debate, then declared that it was essential that the Council should reaffirm its recommendations to the parties to enter into direct negotiations to settle all contentious questions that had arisen in the Negev.

"Unseemly Haste"

There is only one way to solve the Palestine problem, direct negotiations between the parties and the Mediator, he declared.

He attacked what he called Sir Alexander Cadogan's unseemly haste in pushing through the resolution of November 4 (which threatened sanctions against the aggressor) to wreck the previous Council resolutions calling for negotiations between the parties themselves.

"The resolution of November 4," he said, "was imposed upon the Council by the United Kingdom delegation. The Committee then set up is useless, and we would

Peace On The Pacific Coast

San Francisco, December 30.

The American Federation of Labour's Sailors' Union of the Pacific and the Pacific American Shipowners' Association yesterday agreed on terms of a new contract, subject to ratification by the membership of both groups. Its terms were withheld pending ratification.

The sailors had threatened a strike over wages and overtime pay.—Associated Press.

support no further recourse to it."

Mr. Malik said he would vote for the preamble and the first paragraph of the British draft resolution (calling for an immediate cease fire) and not for the rest of the resolution, which gave instructions to the Committee set up by the November 4 resolution and to the Conciliation Commission.

Unfair To Arabs

Fawzi Bey (Egypt) said the Arab States were put in a very unfair position. They were on one side faced by an inactive United Nations and Security Council and on the other hand by their peoples who quite logically and reasonably asked them why they did not get the United Nations or the Security Council to do something about it.

He said he was disappointed at the lukewarm tone of the British resolution, adding: "It is certainly no more than half a step in the right direction. It is better than nothing, however."

"It errs by omission; it says nothing about the system of supervision by the United Nations,"—Reuter.

YUGOSLAVIA REPEATS CLAIM TO CARINTHIA

Belgrade, December 29.

The problem of Carinthia (which Yugoslavia claims from Austria) can be solved only by incorporating the territory in Yugoslavia. M. Edward Kardelj, the Yugoslav Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister, said so here today.

He told the National Assembly that Yugoslavia had had the full understanding and backing of the Soviet Union on Carinthia—a 3,600 square mile territory with about 477,000 inhabitants.

(The Conference of Foreign Ministers' Deputies on the Austrian peace treaty, which broke down last May over Soviet support for Yugoslavia's claims to Carinthia, is to meet again in London next February).

M. Kardelj followed up Marshal Tito's recent threat to divert raw materials exports to the West with a renewed attack on the policy of the Cominform countries.

He declared that it is not their fault that relations with the Eastern European countries, though essentially different from those with capitalist countries, had taken a bad turn since the Cominform capture of Marshal Tito's Government.

Stab In Back

The whole propaganda machine of these countries had been mobilised in this campaign of slandering Yugoslavia.

"Such acts have nothing in common with the treaties of friendship and mutual assistance existing between these countries and Yugoslavia," he said.

"The campaign is a stab in our people's back in their struggle to build up Socialism."

Prague "Traitors"

"For example, the Hungarian Government is failing to meet its obligations with regard to reparations," he added.

Albania is also failing to carry out her economic agreement with Yugoslavia, he said, in spite of the extensive help which Yugoslavia had given her, and which is now being called an attempted colonial exploitation.

He complained that the Eastern European countries were officially giving material and moral help to the traitors of Socialism and Yugoslavia in Prague, where they are allowed to publish a counter-revolutionary journal.—Reuter.

Shinwell's Message To The Army

Catterick, December 29.

The Secretary for War, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, in a New Year's message to troops at Catterick Camp, published in the Army newspaper, Catterick Express, says:

"The period which National Service men will have to spend in the Army is being increased from 12 to 18 months. That being so, I would like to make an appeal to all those who are already in the Army to do all they can to make the initial stages of the new recruits' time with the Services as friendly as possible. This can be done by keeping the spirit of goodwill alive throughout the year.

"The young chaps who are coming in will need a warm welcome. Let us all try to make them feel at home as much as possible in what for them will be strange and new surroundings.

"The Army, as well as offering them good training, can engender true comradeship that will endure long after their period of National Service is over."—Reuter.

West Hopes For United Germany

Washington, December 29.

Britain, the United States and France still hope Russia ultimately will give up her stranglehold on Eastern Germany and agree to the unification of all Germany.

But they also believe it will take time, perhaps five years. Diplomatic officials say the three Western powers are not convinced that Germany is to be permanently split along the present Eastern and Western occupation frontiers. Neither is any serious consideration being given to a separate peace treaty with Western Germany.

But in face of present Soviet obstructionist tactics, Western strategy is to go ahead with interim measures outlined in the four-power agreements. All steps taken to assure stability in Western Germany have been proposed with a view to ultimate Soviet participation.

Under no condition will the three Western powers agree to German unity for the sake of unity. Any future four-power agreement will have to be based on fair, just and non-satellite principles.

The need for taking interim steps in Western Germany and

Western Europe became clear following the collapse last December of the Big Four Foreign Ministers meeting in London. In the Western view, the meeting demonstrated Russian intention to hold Eastern Germany as a possible Communist wedge for the control of all Germany.

By taking a firm stand against Russia, the Western powers feel that Moscow will be forced to give up dreams of a Communist Germany and a Soviet-dominated Western Europe.

Any change in present Soviet policies on Germany is not expected to come until the present interim measures have proved successful in restoring stability to Western Europe.—United Press.

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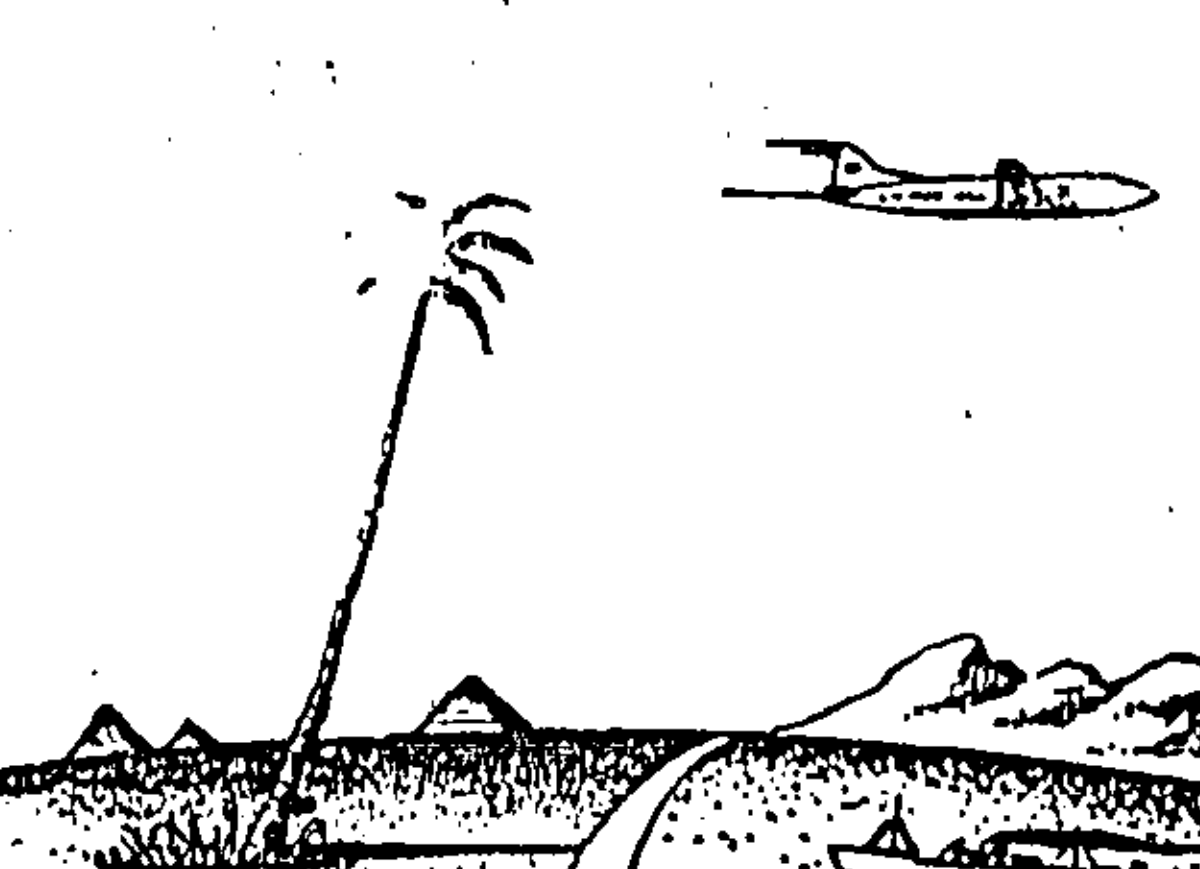
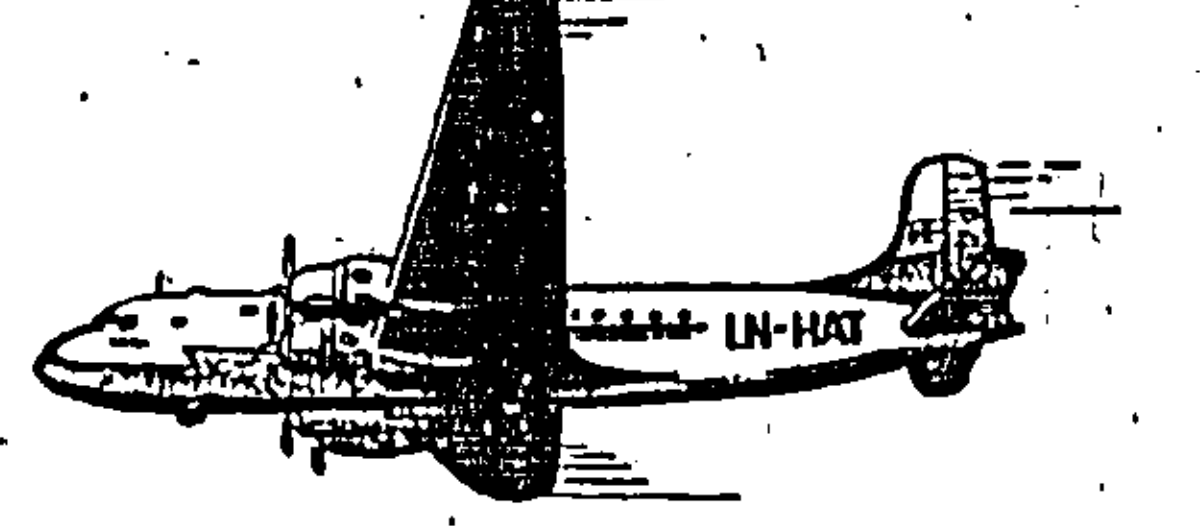
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WULKAN'S SUIT FOR LIBEL

New York, December 29. Marcus Wulkan, who was referred to by Sir Hartley Shawcross during the recent Tribunal hearings in London, announced today that his lawyers will file suit for \$250,000 for libel against the British Iron and Steel Corporation, Limited.

The case concerns alleged publication of material referring to Wulkan by the Corporation. Mr. Wulkan stated that Sir Hartley referred to this material during the Tribunal.

Members of the law firm handling the case told Reuter that nothing has been filed yet but that papers are going to Albany, the capital of New York State, tonight.

An official said the action would take place in the Supreme Court of New York County (Manhattan).—Reuter.

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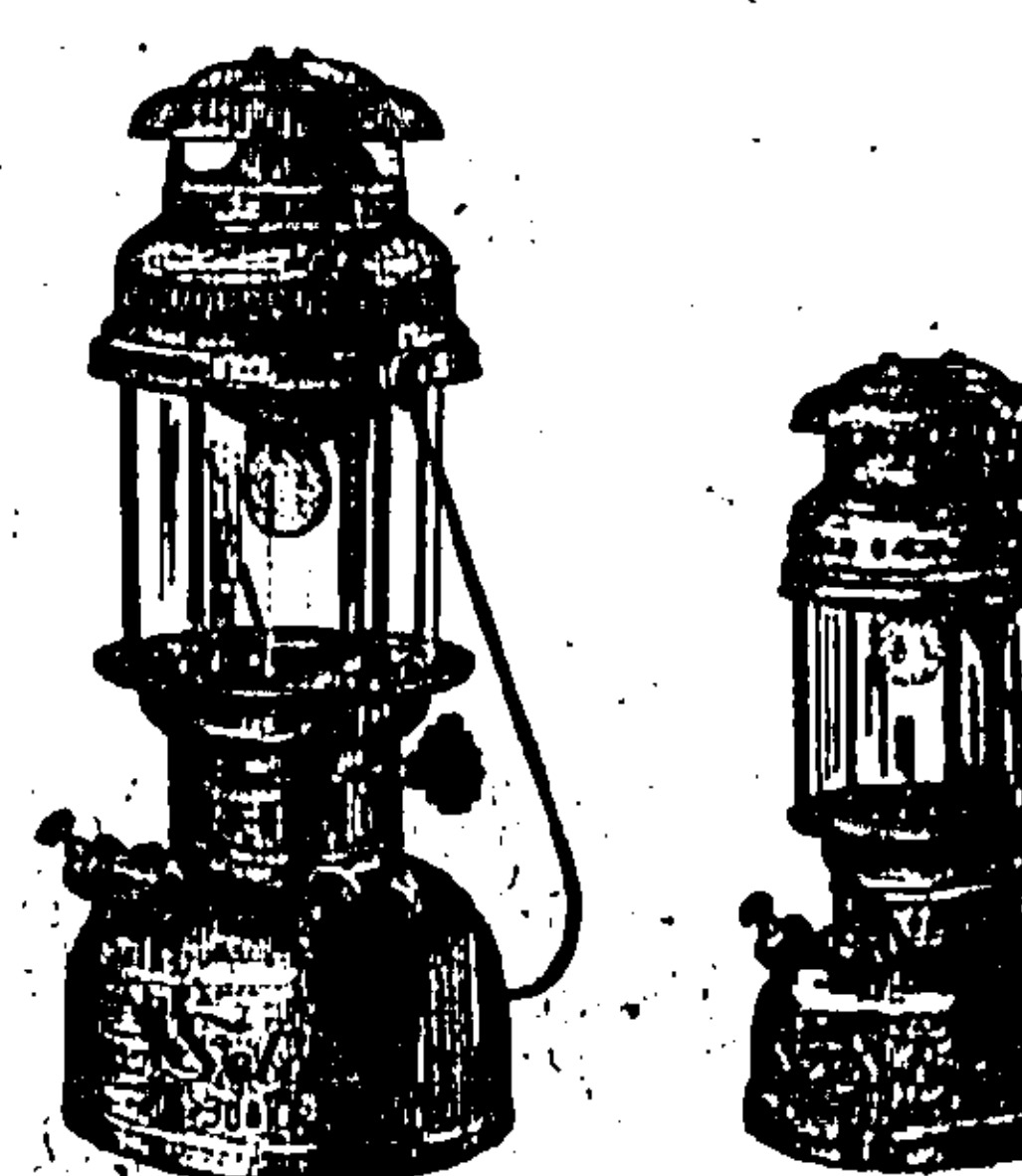


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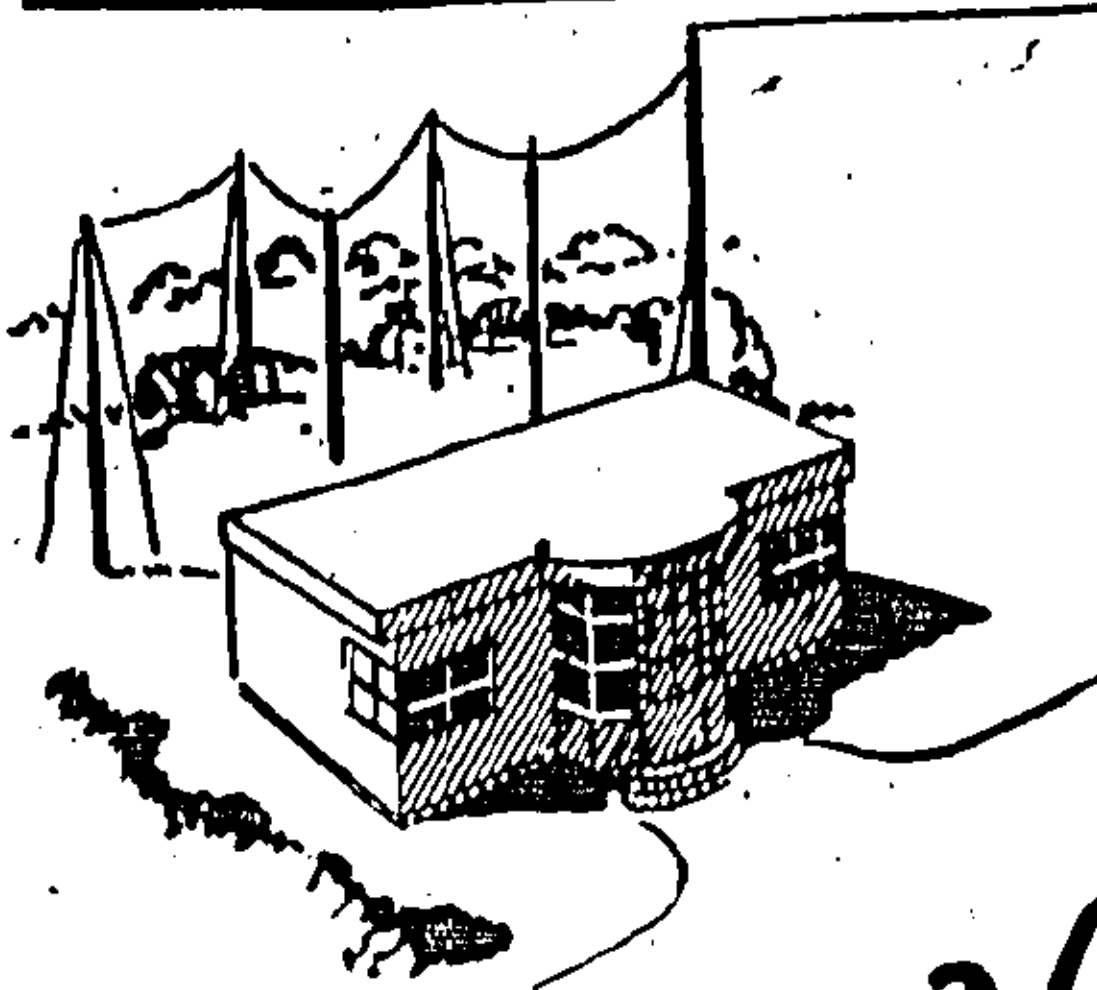
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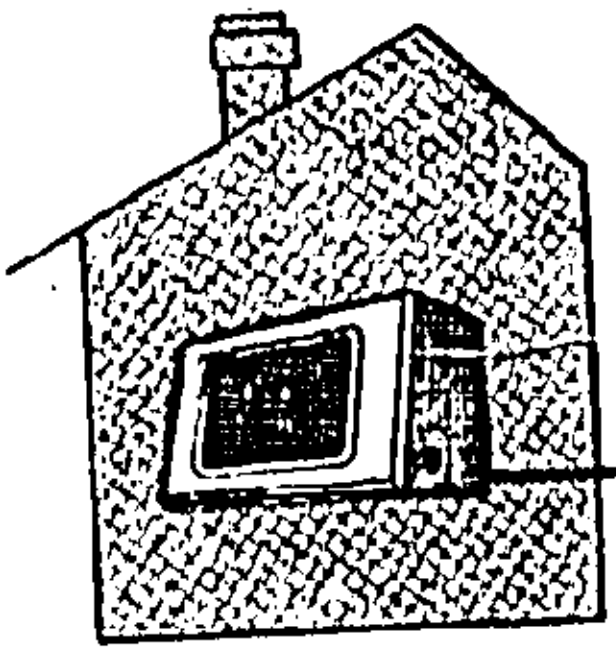
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GERMANS UP IN ARMS AGAINST RUHR PLAN

Berlin, December 29.

Germany's Russian-backed Communists tonight called Allied plans for the control of the Ruhr the rape of Western Germany.

They urged the country of 70,000,000 people to rise in tremendous protest demonstrations.

The appeal was made by both the Communist Socialist Unity Party and the Communist People's Council through the Russian-licensed news agency ADN.

The People's Council called the situation a national emergency, in its call for action, signed by Goebbels, No. 1 Communist Wilhelm Pieck and other leaders, the People's Council demanded:

1. The immediate establishment of a Central Government for all Germany.
2. Re-establishment of German unity and a constitution for the entire country.
3. A peace treaty.
4. Withdrawal of all occupation forces and their equipment from Germany after the signing of the treaty.

Unanimous

The Communists, who have been in power since the end of the war, are unanimous in their support of the plan.

"But the German people must be determined at this hour of national emergency to act by themselves and by their own initiative to frustrate the plans of imperialism," German leaders of all political shades in all four occupation zones are unanimous in conclusion that the Ruhr plan is a "rape."

In Paris, the French Council of Ministers, noted with satisfaction the unanimous opinion of the German people, and the French Government, in a communiqué, said the plan is in accordance with the view point maintained by the French Government. The French objections to the original proposals for controlling the Ruhr—that they did not guard against a possible renewed aggression by Germany—were in the new pact by the creation of a Military Security Board. United Press and Reuter.

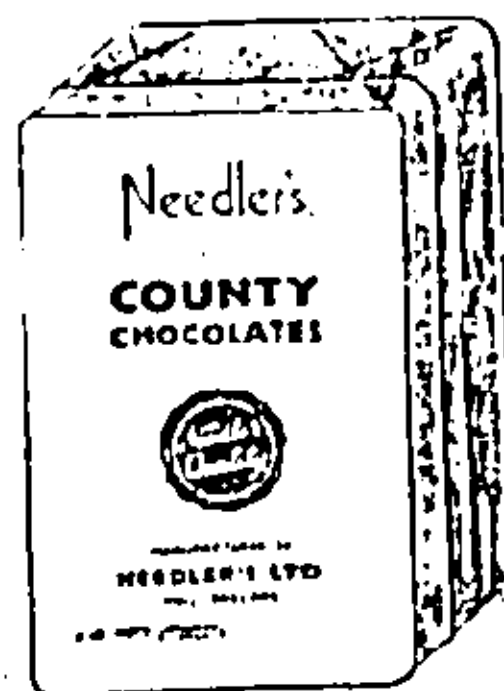
CHURCHILL IN MONTE CARLO

Monte Carlo, December 29. Mr. Winston Churchill, accompanied by Mrs. Churchill and their daughter, Sarah, arrived by train this morning for a fortnight's stay in a Monte Carlo Hotel—Reuter.

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MAN-MADE "PLANETS" AND SPACE SHIPS FOR THE U.S.

Washington, December 29.

The American armed services are working on the idea of suspending tiny "planets" in the sky to act as inter-planetary military outposts.

This was revealed today in the annual report of Mr. James Forrestal, Defence Secretary, who says the "planets" will be the first step towards the development of true "space ships."

The basic idea of the "planets" is the propulsion of rockets by automatically heated oxygen to such a height that they will overcome the attraction of the earth's gravity.

They will remain aloft as "satellites" of the earth, spinning round as the moon does. Defence Department officials refuse to comment on Mr. Forrestal's reference to the Government project but it is understood that the development is in an extremely early and largely theoretical stage.

Similar work was carried on by German scientists during World War II. Forrestal called for decisive American action on military aid for Europe, but said that such aid, at the beginning, need only be granted in modest proportions.

Clear Choice

Mr. Forrestal devoted a whole section of his report to the question of military self-reliance of Western Europe.

He said: "In my own mind the choice is clear; we must do all in our power to regenerate the intelligence and sense of Europe. It does not follow that we have to embark immediately on a vast programme of military aid but rather than show, by beginning such a programme in modest proportions that we intend to follow through the well as involved in the European Recovery Act."

Stressing the relationship between the United States defence and foreign policies, Mr. Forrestal pointed to the recently created policy-making National Security Council as a long step forward in co-ordinating these two activities.

"National security cannot be measured today in terms of the United States alone. It must be measured in terms of the whole world. The prerequisite of world peace is world stability."

Barriers Gone

"The advances of science have wiped out the old barriers of

time and space, ocean and land. It is not enough for us merely to devise what we hope will be an impenetrable defence against new weapons and methods of warfare—we must strike to prevent its inception anywhere."

Mr. Forrestal disclosed that he had ordered all possible acceleration in the search for weapons that would defeat the threat created by the Schnorkel-equipped high speed submarine.

The problem of dealing with this submarine which breathes through periscope-like pipes, was of first importance to the nation's security.

Service sources in Washington disclosed today that America's armed forces will be sharply reduced in strength by a restricted military budget which will be presented to Congress when it convenes next week.

They said that a budget of about \$13,000 million had been decided for the three Services for the fiscal year beginning next July.

Significant Step

The results would be:

- 1.—An Air Force of only 40 or 50 operating groups, instead of the present 60.
- 2.—An Army of about 600,000 officers and men, instead of the 700,000 authorized for this year. This will provide for 10 divisions instead of the 12 planned to be reorganised last spring.
- 3.—A Navy with approximately the same number of operating ships as now, but crews at lower strength than planned.

Two Essex-type aircraft carriers are likely to be laid up and replaced by two light, high speed carriers for

B. AND S. CRAFT ARE SEIZED

Tientsin, December 30. The Nationalist authorities have requisitioned all available Butterfield and Swire craft at Tientsin, Tientsin's port.

The craft may be sent to Changshinguan Island, near Chefoo.

About 10 craft are involved, and the British consular authorities are taking the matter up officially with the Tientsin garrison headquarters.

The officer commanding Tangku, General Hou Chung-ku, is believed to come under the authority of the Central Government and not directly under the Tientsin garrison.

This adds to the difficulties in securing the release of the British vessels.

The incident occurred while the Economic Co-operation Administration is still hoping to provide the Northern areas with badly-needed wheat and flour.

The requisitioning of the ships diminishes long-term prospects of this aid for Tientsin and Peiping.

Meanwhile, the procurement of fuel in Tientsin is becoming difficult for the remaining inhabitants, including two Britons.

Mr. Thomas Curry, of Butterfield and Swire, is believed to have moved his residence from Tangku proper, to the extensive Butterfield and Swire property, to a tiny hut where he presumably feels much safer.

North China's livelihood and trade are wholly dependent upon shipping which must necessarily anchor outside Taku Bar and serviced by means of tugs and lighters.—Reuter.

ter suited for anti-submarine operations. Diplomatic quarters here say it is significant that the United States should reduce its forces at a time of international tension.—Reuter.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and a 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

12.15 p.m.—Catholic Prayers by the Rev. Father E. Bourke, S.J. (Studio).
12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.32 p.m.—Andrew and His Orchestra with Anne Shelton (Vocal) (HUTCH).

1.20 p.m.—Charles Stuart at the Organ (HUTCH).
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—"Music for You".
1.35 p.m.—Close Down.

2.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.
2.04 p.m.—Children's Story "Dragon Smoke Island" by Dorothy Twist (Studio).

2.30 p.m.—Cantata by Radio Given by Miss. Wai Lai and S.K. Lee (Studio).
2.50 p.m.—Glen Miller and His Orchestra.
3.00 p.m.—World and Home News (Lancaster).

3.15 p.m.—Sports Review (Studio).
3.30 p.m.—London Symphony Orchestra with Heifetz (Violin) as Soloist.
3.40 p.m.—"From the Elliptical" (Lancaster).

3.45 p.m.—"The Man Born to be King" by Dorothy L. Sayers (2nd Play) (HUTCH).
3.52 p.m.—Radio Concert Players.
4.00 p.m.—A Trio (Radio).

4.15 p.m.—"Here Comes the Groom" by Henry Wade, Head by Clifford Davies (Studio).
4.30 p.m.—A Trio (Radio) Headed by Caroline Brown and Betty Brown (Studio).

4.40 p.m.—Radio News (Reel) (London).
4.45 p.m.—Weather Report.
4.50 p.m.—Variety Band Box from the Peoples Palace (London) (HUTCH).

4.55 p.m.—Fouries of the Music Hall (11.50 p.m.—Made for "Dancing at Home").
11.55 p.m.—"The Gate of the Year" sung by John McElroy with Organ.
12.00 p.m.—The Radio Chorus—Auld Lang Syne, Music for Dancing (Cont'd).

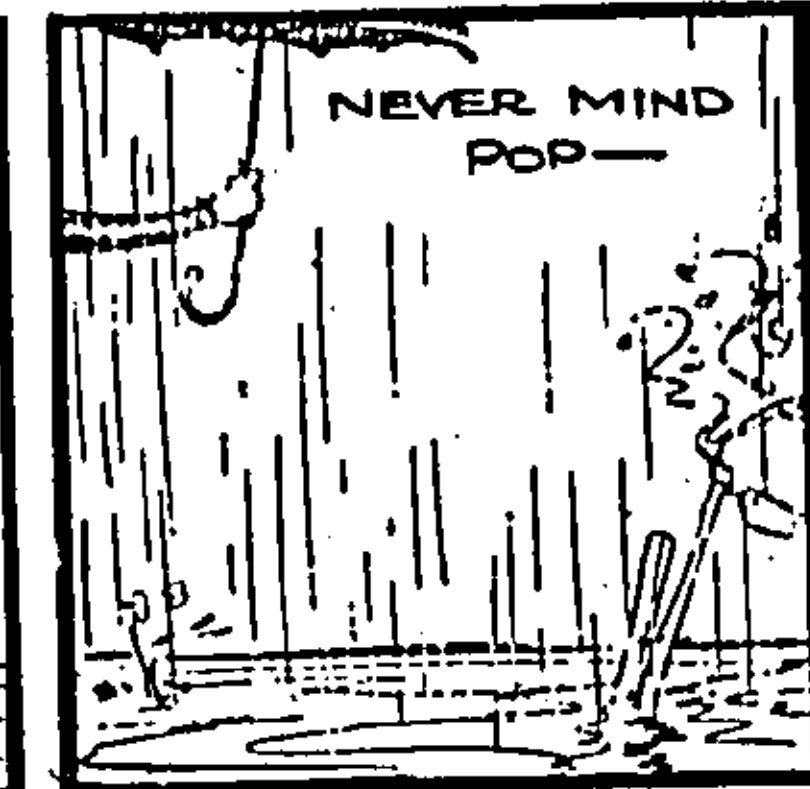
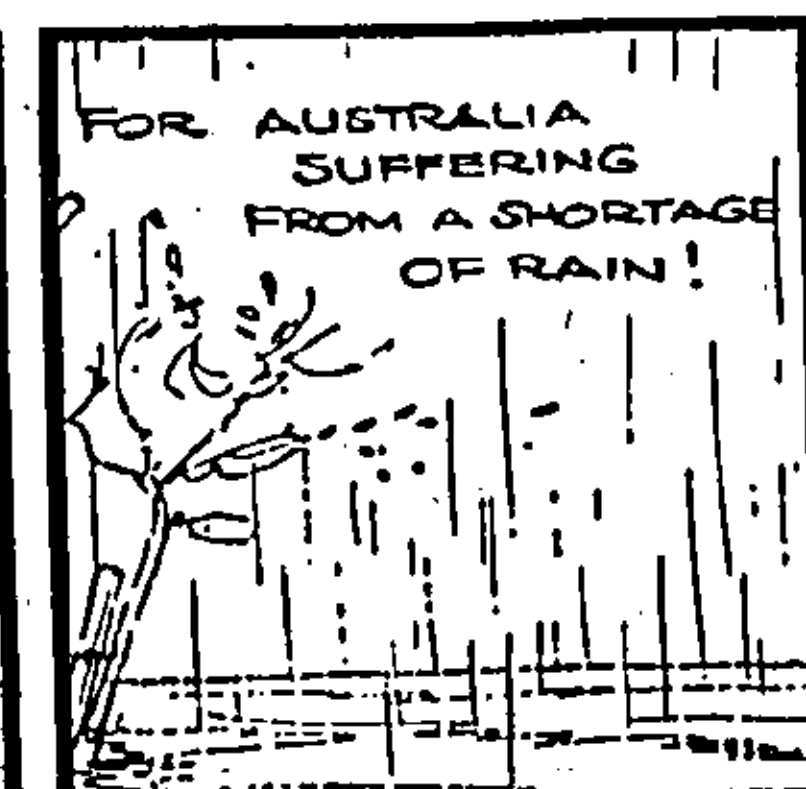
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RITA HAYWORTH IN PARIS

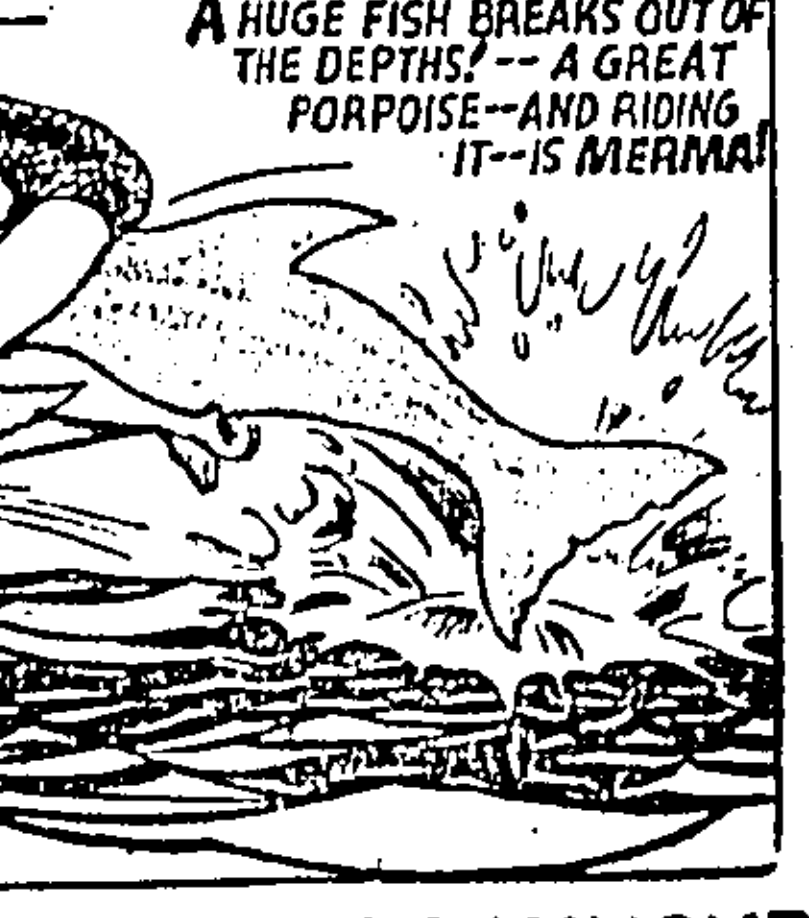
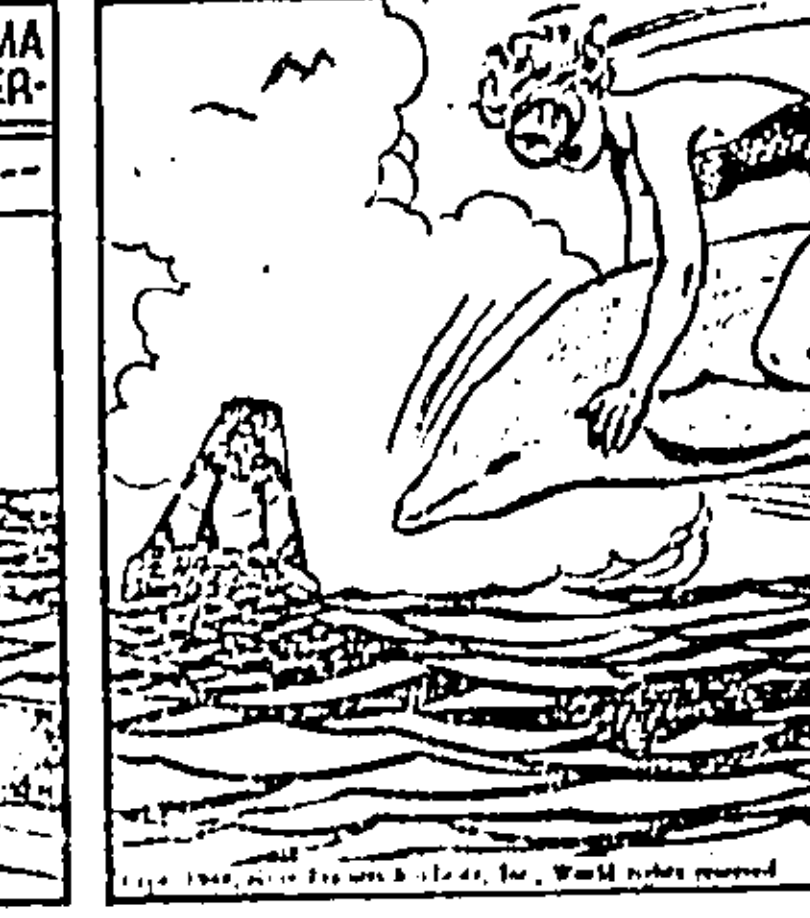
Paris, December 30. The film actress, Rita Hayworth, and Prince Aly Khan flew into Paris yesterday and apparently intend to stay for a while.

They came from London.—Associated Press.

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JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN SERVICE

Arrivals	Departures
"TJISADANE" from Manila & Amoy 3rd Jan.	to Javaport & Macassar 6th Jan.
"TASMAN" from Macassar & Javaport 8th Jan.	to Javaport & Macassar 11th Jan.
"TJISADANE" in port 17th Jan.	to Javaport & Macassar 20th Jan.
"TJITJALENGKA" from Macassar & Javaport 22nd Jan.	to Javaport & Macassar 25th Jan.

ASIA-AFRICA-SOUTH AMERICA SERVICE

Arrivals	Departures
"TROELBERG" in port 17th Jan.	to South Africa & South America 25th Jan.
"RUYS" from South America & South Africa 17th Jan.	to South Africa & South America 25th Jan.
"STRAAT MALAKKA" from South America & South Africa 9th Mar.	to South Africa & South America 20th Mar.
"BOISSEvain" from South America & South Africa 20th Mar.	to South Africa & South America 18th Apr.

Transshipment cargo on through B/L to Dar-es-Salaam, Mombasa, Zanzibar accepted on all sailings.

SUMATRA-MALAYA-CHINA SERVICE

Arrivals	Departures
"VAN RIEMSDIJK" from Amoy & Swatow 3rd Jan.	to Straits & B. Dell 6th Jan.
"TASMAN" from Singapore & Amoy 8th Jan.	to Swatow & Amoy 9th Jan.

Agents: HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE

Arrivals	Departures
"MOLENKERK" from Japan & Shanghai 6th Jan.	to Europe via Manila & Straits 7th Jan.
"MEERKERK" from Europe 5th Jan.	to S'hai, Japan via Keelung 8th Jan.
"RIJNKERK" from Europe 5th Jan.	to Europe via Manila & Straits, End January.

Transshipment cargo on through B/L accepted to Mediterranean and Northern European ports.

Agents: SILVER LINE LTD.

Arrivals	Departures
"SILVERBRIAR" from U.S. via Pacific Coast 31st Dec.	to Saigon, S'pore via Pacific Coast & Calcutta 31st Dec.

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m.v. "DONA ANICETA"	22nd Jan.
m.v. "TONGHAI"	4th Feb.

SAILING FOR U.S. ATLANTIC COAST VIA SAN FRANCISCO & LOS ANGELES

m.v. "BENARES" (Direct)	23rd Jan.
m.v. "DONA ANICETA"	24th Jan.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

SOVIET RUSSIA REORGANISES MINISTRY OF LIGHT INDUSTRY

Moscow, December 30.

London Stock Exchange

London, December 29.
Most sections benefited from small bear covering today. Trading, however, was generally very light and appears likely to remain so during the remainder of the present account. This will end on January 4 next.

In the industrial market, there were pairs of a few points among iron, steel and textiles. Shipping shares were in small demand and moved slightly higher. The feature of foreign bonds was a sharp fall in Portuguese. These fell four points at 2.5 cent, following the report of a breakdown in the Franco-Portuguese negotiations for a resumption of debt service.

Other bonds remained quietly steady.

These again there was firmness in Venezuelan Oil Concessions in the oil section. The present offer of two shares for each Venezuelan held continued to attract buyers of the latter. Shells were also in small demand.

British Government stocks showed seasonal fractional gains in small routine trading. Selective Cane and local support produced a better tone in South African mining with developers particularly favored.

SECURITIES:
British Consols, 2 1/2% 75 15/16
Conversion Loan, 3 1/2%, 1961 116 7/8
Funding Loan, 4 1/2%, 1960/26 114 1/2
War Loan, 3 1/2%, 1952 102 3/4
War Loan, 3 1/2%, 1952 102 3/4
Victory Bonds, 4 1/2% 116 1/2
INDUSTRIALS:
British American Tobacco (of G.B. & Ireland) 4 1/2% 41 1/2
Imperial Chemical Indust. 49 1/2
Imperial Tobacco Co. (of G.B. & Ireland) 5 1/2% 57 1/2

TEA SHARES:
Assam Consolidated Tea 2 1/2% 15 1/2
Assam Frontier Tea 15 1/2
Assam Tea Company 20 3/4
Emp. of India & Ceylon Tea Co. 16 1/2
Imperial Tea Company 27 1/2

MINE SHARES:
Barnes Corp. 5 1/2% 5 1/2
Crown Mines 2 1/2% 2 1/2
Nimrod Mines 13 1/2
Rand Mines 4 1/2% 13 1/2
Selling Mines 7 1/2
Sub. Metals 3 1/2% 3 1/2
Tassey Tin Co. 1 1/2
Union Corporation 20 1/2
OIL SHARES:
Royal Dutch Co. 2 1/2% 2 1/2
Shell Transport & Trading Co. 3 1/2% 3 1/2

SHIPPING:
P. & O. Steam Nav. Co., ord. 62 1/2
GUTHRIE:
Fidelity Loan, 3 1/2% 104 1/2
National War Bonds, 2 1/2% 104 1/2

1952/54 103 3/4
1951/55 103 1/2
1951/53 102 1/2
Savings Bonds, 3 1/2% 104 1/2
1955/55 104 1/2
1957/70 103 3/4
1963/75 102 3/4

Exchequer Bonds, 1 1/2%, 1950 100 1/2
Redemption Stock, 3 1/2%, 1949/50 103 1/2
FOREIGN BONDS:
German Loan (Dawson) 7 1/2% 7 1/2
Japanese 5 1/2% 1957/59 29 1/2
Japanese 5 1/2% 1957/59 29 1/2
Jan. S. Manchurian Ry. 5 1/2% 1923 16

BANKS:
Chartered Bank of I. A. & O. 11 1/2
Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank 100 1/2
Mitsubishi Bank of India 21 1/2
CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS:
Tientsin-Peking Railway, 5 1/2% 5 1/2
Long-Tientsin-Hai Rlys. 5 1/2% 1913 12
Hankow Rly. 5 1/2% 1912 12
Hankow Railway, 5 1/2% 1911 12
Honnai Railway, 5 1/2% 1911 12
Shanghai Nanking Rlys. 5 1/2% 1911 12
Kowloon Canton Railway, 5 1/2% 1911 12
Sterling Bonds 11

Reuter.

Mr. Alexei N. Kosygin was made Minister of Light Industry today and relieved of his duties as Minister of Finance, a job he had held for 10 months.

Mr. Arseny G. Zverev resumed as Finance Minister.

The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet made the appointments. At the same time the Presidium expanded the powers of the Ministry of Light Industry.

The Ministry of Textiles and all plants, factories, offices, construction projects, and organizations of the textile and light industry fields were transferred to it.

The purpose was officially described as improvement of the management of the enterprises of the light and textile industries and further increasing production of consumer goods and also reducing the cost of the apparatus of management.

Necessary Step
The decree said reorganization of the two Ministries of the various Soviet Republics also was recognized as necessary.

This means the 10 Republics of the USSR also will consolidate the two big consumer industries along lines of the national merger.

Mr. Kosygin, 44, is one of the youngest of the highly placed men in the Soviet Government. He became an alternate member of the Politburo (the Political Bureau of the Communist Party's Central Committee) in 1946.

The Moscow announcement.

Notice To Consignees
CONSIGNEES PER BARBER-WILHELMSEN LINE
M/V "TARIFA"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s godown where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on January 3, 1949.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claim will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after January 4, 1949, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before January 11, 1949, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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Hong Kong, Dec. 28, 1948.

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Hong Kong Stock Exchange

Business for the two and a half working days of this week has been of an encouraging nature. Enquiries have been well spread over the Board and buyers have had to advance their prices to fill their requirements. Even so, sellers have not been keen to supply the demands, and perhaps the significant feature has been that at the close of the year, and notwithstanding buyers' further advancing their offers, shares are still scarce. And business that has passed today sellers have not required the deals to be completed before the end of the year; being content to wait until business is resumed after the holidays. The volume of shares that has changed hands during the short week has been on a much larger scale than has been the experience for some few weeks past, and the closing tone is quite firm.

H.K. GOVT. LOANS:
4 1/2% Loan 161 1/2
3 1/2% Loan (1934 & 1939) 160 1/2
3 1/2% Loan (1938) 161 1/2

BANKS:
H.K. & S. Bank 170 1/2, 170 1/2
(Loan, Reg.) 170 1/2
Chartered Bank 111 1/2
Mitsubishi Bank A. & M. 121 1/2
Bank of East Asia 142 1/2

INSURANCES:
Colon Ind. 307 1/2, 307 1/2
Union Ins. 110 1/2, 120 1/2
China Underwriters 5 00 1/2
H.K. Fire Ins. 270 1/2

SHIPPING:
Douglas 23 1/2
H.K. & S. Steamship 17 1/2
India China (Reg.) 9 00
(Ind.) 24 1/2
Shanghai (Reg.) 78 1/2
Union Waterways 37 1/2

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, Etc.:
H.K. & S. Wharves (Ord.) 128 1/2
(New) 123 1/2
North Point Wharves 7 1/2
Sh. Hongkong Wharves 3 1/2
H.K. Docks 20 1/2, 20 1/2
China Dockyards 11 1/2
Shanghai Dockyards 11 1/2

MINING:
Hoth Mines 6 1/2
H.K. Mines 4 1/2

LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS:
H. & S. Hotel 16 1/2, 16 1/2
H.K. Lands 6 1/2
Sh. Lands 2 1/2, 2 1/2
Humphreys (X. Rys.) 15 1/2, 15 1/2
H.K. Hotels 2 1/2, 2 1/2
Chinese Estates 17 1/2
Telephone 34 1/2, 34 1/2
Shanghai Gas 6 1/2

PUBLIC UTILITIES:
H.K. Tramways 20 1/2, 20 1/2
Peak Tram (Ord.) 20 1/2
(New) 19 1/2
Star Ferries 13 1/2, 13 1/2
C. Lights:
(X. Rys.) 14 1/2, 14 1/2, 14 1/2
(H.K.) 1 1/2, 1 1/2, 1 1/2
H.K. Electric 31 1/2, 31 1/2, 31 1/2
Maru Electric 20 1/2, 20 1/2
Samsan Lights 13 1/2
Telephone 34 1/2, 34 1/2
Shanghai Gas 6 1/2

INDUSTRIALS:
Cudd. Mfg. (Ord.) 30 1/2
Canton Iron 7 1/2
Cement 40 1/2, 40 1/2
H.K. Ropes 20 1/2, 20 1/2
Star Ferries 13 1/2, 13 1/2
C. Lights:
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Maru Electric 20 1/2, 20 1/2
Samsan Lights 13 1/2
Telephone 34 1/2, 34 1/2
Shanghai Gas 6 1/2

STORES & CARRIAGES:
Dairy Farms (Ord.) 44 1/2, 44 1/2
(New) 43 1/2
Watsons (Ord.) 24 1/2, 24 1/2
(New) 24 1/2, 24 1/2
C. Crawford (Ord.) 20 1/2
(New) 20 1/2
Buccer's 7 1/2
China Cementum 16 1/2
Sun Co. Ltd. 4 1/2
Kwong Sang Hong 14 1/2
Wing On (H.K.) 10 1/2
W. Powell, Ltd. 11 1/2
MISCELLANEOUS:
China Entertainment 35 1/2
H.K. Construction (Ord.) 43 1/2
(New) 35 1/2
Villars (Ord.) 20 1/2
(New) 14 1/2
Marman Investments 9 1/2
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